

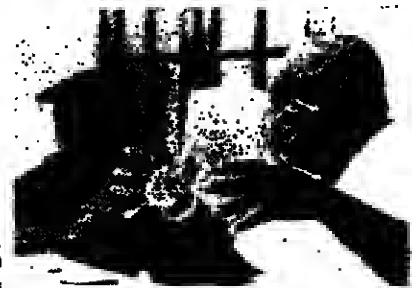


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## IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK

TEHRAN - Foreign Minister Dr. Ali Akbar Velayati said Thursday the resignation of U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and the expected departure of Defense Secretary William Perry showed American policies in the Middle East had failed.

"The reshuffling of the secretaries of state and defense, in that country in the new administration, is an indication of the failure of American defense and foreign policies, particularly in this region," Velayati said in a program broadcast on the Iranian television. "And this was predictable for us," he added.

## VELAYATI

### Christopher Departure Shows U.S. Failure

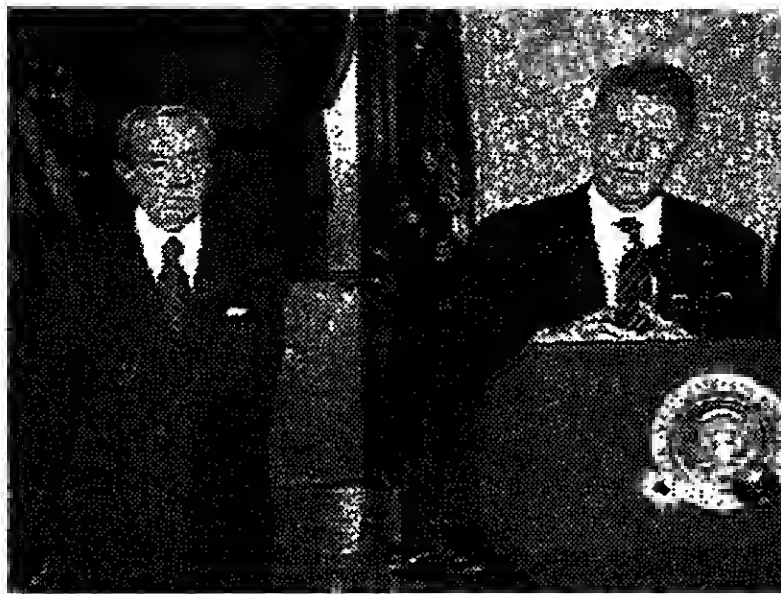
U.S. President Bill Clinton accepted the resignation of Christopher on Thursday as he moved swiftly to put some fresh faces in his Cabinet after his Tuesday re-election victory.

He said he had made no decision on a successor for Christopher, who worked for peace in the Middle East, Bosnia and Haiti, among other places. Perry is another high name expected to leave as Clinton prepares for his second term.

Senior Iranian officials have said they see no quick change in Iran's confrontation with the United States after Clinton's re-election.

The United States imposed a trade and investment ban on Iran in June 1995, accusing it of sponsoring terrorism and seeking to develop nuclear weapons. Iran denies the charges and says the United States is bent on destroying the Islamic government.

Washington sharpened its campaign to isolate Tehran in August this year, threatening to apply a new law which tightened the sanctions to include non-U.S. firms who invest at least \$40 million in Iran's vital oil and gas industry. Diplomatic ties between Washington and Tehran broke in 1980 after the Muslim Students Following the Imam's Line seized the U.S. Embassy here, holding 52 Americans hostage for 444 days in the wake of the Islamic Revolution that toppled the former Shah, an agent of the U.S.



Clinton (R) on Thursday agreed to Christopher's resignation.

### Iran Crowned as World Wrestling Champion

IRAN NEWS SPORTS DESK  
TEHRAN - The Islamic Republic of Iran's free style wrestling team was crowned as champion in the 24th Wrestling World Cup which ended here at Azadi Sports Hall yesterday.

In the last round bouts, Iran managed to beat Russia 7-3 to clinch the title for the first time.

Iranian wrestlers had beaten Uzbekistan and Cuba with the same score. Ebrahim Mehraban, Beboam Tayyebi, Akbar Doudangeh, Mehdi Kaveh, Alireza Heydari, Bahak Nourzad and Amir Tavakkolian won their bouts against their Russian rivals.

Cuban wrestlers who had managed to beat Russian rivals earlier finished second. Russia and Uzbekistan finished third and fourth respectively.

Cuba, Uzbekistan, Russia and Iran wrestled in the competition in a team and round-robin format.

### Iran Wants French Airliners, Satellites, Maybe Beef

PARIS (AFP) - Iran wants to buy 10 Airbus airliners, and French communications satellites costing more than 500 million dollars, Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Mahmoud Vaezi said here yesterday.

Iran was also interested in buying French beef, he said, and quoted the French foreign minister as saying that France would ignore the U.S. d'Amato Law to prevent companies from investing in the Iranian hydrocarbons industry.

He also revealed that the quasi-French State Export-credit Guarantee Department, COFACE, had resumed coverage for exports to Iran from September.

It had suspended such coverage in 1993, and Vaezi said that settlement in July of a dispute over a debt of 120 million dollars owed by Iran to the French car manufacturer Peugeot had opened the way for export insurance.

"We plan to buy satellites costing more than 500 million dollars, and we are ready to buy 10 Airbus airliners," he said at the end of a two-day official visit here.



VAEZI

France and Iran were negotiating "big economic projects" which raised the prospects of a "fruitful future" for economic relations between the two countries, he told journalists.

These concerned gas and oil, the purchase of aircraft, beef and communications equipment.

Iran was also negotiating with the French oil company Elf which

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### Pirouzi Beat Al-Zawra

#### IRAN NEWS SPORTS DESK

TEHRAN - Pirouzi club of Tehran defeated Al-Zawra of Iraq in its first match during the Asian Clubs Championship quarterfinals in the southwest Asian zone on Friday which opened in Doha, Qatar.

At Al-Khalifa Stadium of Doha Pirouzi outpaced Al-Zawra of Iraq 2-1.

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### Clinton Calls on Assad to Work Together to Erase Risk of War

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (Dispatches) - U.S. President Bill Clinton has invited his Syrian counterpart Hafez al-Assad to join forces to achieve peace in the Middle East and erase the risks of war, an official spokesman here said yesterday.

The American president, in reply to Assad's congratulations on his re-election, wrote that he

hopes "we can work together to put a halt to the possibilities of war and achieve peace and prosperity" for the region.

"That is my vision for this region and I will work to make it true," Clinton said in the message, quoted by a spokesman for the Syrian president.

"The establishment of a just and comprehensive peace in the

Middle East, in line with the principles laid down for U.S., will remain one of my highest priorities," he said.

Assad, in his message after Tuesday's U.S. elections, said he hopes Clinton will "pursue the efforts begun during your first term towards achieving a fair and comprehensive peace to the region."

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### Former Kennedy Aide Says Navy Missile Downed TWA 800

CANNES, FRANCE (AFP) - American journalist Pierre Salinger, a former aide of the late U.S. President John Kennedy, yesterday stood by his claims that a missile fired by a U.S. navy warship accidentally downed TWA flight 800 off New York in July.

But the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) office in New York, which has been working with the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) in investigating the July 17 crash, said it had no evidence to indicate the plane explosion was caused by "friendly fire."

A Pentagon spokesman said Thursday there would be no immediate comment on Salinger's claim.

Salinger, Kennedy's former press spokesman and a long-time ABC television correspondent in Europe, told 150 airline company officials at the Cannes Airlines Forum that he was making his claim on the strength of a document written by a U.S. secret service agent at a meeting in Paris last month.

"I affirm that this explosion was caused by a missile launched from a U.S. navy ship which thought the TWA plane was flying much higher," Salinger said.

He said he would show the document to the FBI, but did not show it to journalists here who pressed him for more details of his claim.



Ron Dwyer (L) pauses to compose himself July 20, outside the Ramada Inn at Kennedy Airport in New York as he speaks to the media about his 11-year-old daughter who was on the TWA flight 800 that exploded July 17.

On Thursday Salinger said: "The U.S. navy often carries out missile launching tests, and on that day the TWA plane should have been flying higher. That was what the navy thought but the aircraft was flying lower than planned because above it another plane was beginning a descent to Providence, Rhode Island."

Yesterday Salinger said the navy ship had been given wrong information. "The TWA plane should have been at 21,000 feet but it was only at 13,000 feet because its takeoff had been delayed and there was another plane descending toward Providence Airport."

In New York, FBI spokesman Joe Valiquette said the bureau had no such evidence of "friendly fire" in its investigation and had no knowledge of the document Salinger mentioned.

"The FBI stands by what it said all along," Valiquette told AFP. "We have not turned up any evidence at all that would indicate that a U.S. government missile was responsible."

Valiquette said the FBI was reacting only to press reports of Salinger's account and had not spoken directly to him, but "we'd be more than happy to."

The closest U.S. warship to the scene of the crash was about 300 kilometers (185 miles) distant to the south, he said.

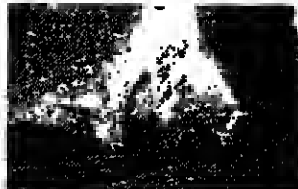
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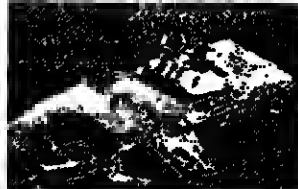
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## EDITORIAL

### Improving Clinton's Tarnished Image

In a bid to improve his image abroad, President Bill Clinton plans to include fresh faces in his Cabinet after his re-election.

Clinton accepted resignation of Secretary of State Warren Christopher yesterday at the outset of a major reshuffle.

Though President Clinton hailed the services of the secretary of state, the fact remains that Warren Christopher's biased and hostile policy was responsible for the unprecedented indentation on the prestige of the U.S. foreign policy.

American policy in the Middle East during the Christopher era painted a very ugly image of President Clinton.

As an architect of the U.S. foreign policy, Christopher adopted an extremely negative and contradictory policy toward Iran which annoyed even the closest allies of the United States- who refused to accept Washington's incoherent policy- and resulted in great humiliation for Clinton.

Secretary of Defense William Perry is equally responsible for the debacle in the foreign policy which brought the U.S. prestige to its lowest ebb. He is also expected to be removed.

The Iranian Foreign Minister, Dr. Ali Akbar Velayati, was right when he said Christopher's resignation and the expected departure of Perry indicated the American policies in the Middle East had failed.

Clinton yesterday said he had made no decision on a successor for the 71-year-old Christopher, who was the most widely traveled secretary of state in U.S. history- logging more than 700,000 kilometers- and will step down Jan. 20 when Clinton is inaugurated for his second term.

There is no doubt that for many years 'oppression' along with blind support for the Zionists remained one of the essential elements in American foreign policy.

But if, as the Clinton oids intimate, the American president has now decided to look at 'Americans across the broad spectrum of politics, not just at Democrats,' then he has to make a drastic change in his foreign policy.

He should adopt a healthy and broad perspective instead of viewing the world through the narrow and outmoded philosophy of the Zionists.

Unfortunately, in the post-Cold War era, we all noticed that the U.S. was more enthusiastically involved in exterritorial adventurism, trying to impose its authority across the globe.

We also know that the U.S. failed in its indecent objective because of the ever-increasing political awareness in the world as a whole, thanks to the modern technology in broadcast media.

We are at the threshold of the 21st century and the same ever-increasing political awareness among the masses across the globe will now act as an impediment in the way of ill-designed policies of the United States or any other country in any part of the world.

If Clinton really wants to improve his image as well as the image of the United States before the international public opinion, he has to adopt a just and fair foreign policy.

### Kharrazi Rejects U.A.E. Allegations on Iran Marine Areas Act

**IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK**  
**TEHRAN** - Iran's permanent representative to the U.N. on Thursday refuted the allegations of the United Arab Emirates. He said that the Iran's Marine Areas Act is not an impediment to freedom of navigation in the Persian Gulf and the

Gulf of Oman.

Dr. Seyed Kamal Kharrazi in his letter to the United Nations Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali which was circulated as a General Assembly document, clarified Iran's position regarding international navigation.

He said that the Islamic Republic has no objections whatsoever to freedom of navigation on condition that this freedom is not detrimental to the peace and security of littoral states and is based on international laws.

The U.A.E.'s permanent Representative to the U.N., Mohammad Samhan had alleged that on August 26 the Marine Areas Act of the Islamic Republic of Iran, which was passed three years ago, violated international laws and is an impediment to navigation in the Persian Gulf including traffic in the Strait of Hormuz.

Kharrazi's letter said that Marine Areas Act was not something new and was ratified to strengthen existing laws on Iran's marine areas.

He also dismissed as irrelevant to the topic of Iran's Marine Areas Act, paragraph 2 of the U.A.E. envoy's letter claiming ownership of Iranian islands in the Persian Gulf.

Kharrazi said that Iran for its part reserves the right to object to certain clauses of the laws of the U.A.E. federation regarding fixing of its marine areas, which are in contradiction to international law, IRNA reported.

### Indian Vessels to Arrive in Iranian Waters

**IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK**  
**TEHRAN** - Three warships of the Indian Navy will sail into Iran's waters next week, said a statement by the naval forces of the Islamic Republic here Thursday.

The four-day journey, to begin November 11, is taking place at the Indian Navy's request. The statement added that the visit is aimed at expanding bilateral relations and cooperation between the naval forces of Iran and India.

Indian commanders are scheduled to inspect the scientific, military and training centers in Bandar Abbas, south of Iran, IRNA reported.

### Iran's New Ambassador to U.A.E. Takes Office in Abu Dhabi

**IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK**  
**TEHRAN** - Iran's new Ambassador to the U.A.E. Hussein Sadeqi arrived in Abu Dhabi Thursday night. He was greeted at the airport by U.A.E. Foreign Ministry officials and Iranian diplomatic staff.

At a ceremony upon his arrival at the Iranian Embassy, Sadeqi hoped that executives of Iranian agencies in the U.A.E. would do their best to offer a good picture of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

He said closer relations between Iran and regional states would prevent the poisonous interference in the region of the big powers, IRNA reported.

### Iran, Vietnam Discuss Cultural-Scientific Cooperation

**IRAN NEWS NATIONAL DESK**  
**TEHRAN** - Vietnamese Minister of Education and Training, Tran Hong Quan Thursday called for the expansion of scientific and cultural cooperation between Tehran and Hanoi.

Tran, in his meeting in Hanoi with Deputy Minister of Education Mohammadian praised the work of Iran's Education Ministry and the success of Iranian students at the world scientific Olympiads.

Mohammadian, in a separate meeting in Hanoi on Thursday with Vietnam's deputy education and training minister, exchanged views on educational, scientific and cultural issues.

Mohammadian briefed his Vietnamese counterpart on Iran's successful campaign against illiteracy, the expansion of educational facilities, the removal of discrimination between the education of girls and boys, the new secondary system and the offering of education to families, IRNA reported.

**KASHANI:**

### No Military Solution to Afghan Crisis



Kashani, who is a member of the Guardians Council, warned outsiders against meddling in the internal affairs of Afghanistan, and said that Afghan people support the initiatives of the proponents of peace and security, and not the foreigners who stirred up the situation and created unrest in their homeland.

He said the Islamic Republic of Iran had on various occasions offered its services for settlement of problems faced by countries, especially those by Muslim and neighboring states. The world also knows that Iran is for peace and stability, he added.

He touched on Iran's efforts to resolve the problems faced by regional and African states and said that many countries have expressed confidence in Islamic Iran following fruition of its mediation efforts. Turning to the ongoing events in Pakistan, Ayatollah Kashani said what was going on in that neighboring country was an internal issue and in accordance with the national constitution and legal procedure, and had nothing to do with Tehran-Islamabad ties.

He underlined that what was important was the Iranian and Pakistani peoples' "friendship and brotherhood", their deep bonds and cordial ties.

**IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK**  
**TEHRAN** - A senior cleric yesterday reiterated that there was no military solution to the Afghan crisis and that the current developments in that country have made the world realize this fact.

"In view of the political, ethnic and religious differences between the various Afghan factions and groups, no single group can impose itself on the country," Ayatollah Mohammad Emami Kashani said at Friday prayer sermons at Tehran University campus.

It would be in the interest of Afghan people to have a broad-based government composed of all factions, but, he said forming of such a government is not possible through war and military action, according to IRNA.

### Iran's Celebrated Medical Professor Awarded by Vice President

**IRAN NEWS NATIONAL DESK**  
**TEHRAN** - Vice President Hassan Habibi Thursday awarded a superior scholarship medal to Iran's celebrated physician professor Abu-Turab Nafisi, now 81.

The medal and a plaque of honor dedicated to him was to acknowledge his professional scholarship and his self-committed service to the people.

Dr. Nafisi graduated from the medical school of Tehran University in 1937 and pursued his post-graduate studies in cardiology at Harvard University (U.S.) 1952-54, and later in 1963 received the special public health award from the French government.

He is the author of 23 books and 84 articles, and has a command of six languages-Persian, Turkish, English, French, German and Russian.

In a ceremony at Iran's Medical Science Academy here Thursday,

Habibi said that he was hopeful about the scientific renaissance by Iranian scholars and the road to that goal was straight.

He said that learning with commitment to humanity would promote peace and stability throughout the world and would check oppression and injustice to people.

He said no person having learned science with loyalty to those principles would offer his learning to those who oppressed others or did injustice to them.

In a brief address to scholars participating in the ceremony, Dr. Nafisi thanked God for having led him on the path of Islam and for having shown him the right.

He said he owed his longevity to the blessings of his students and patients.

Other than the medal and plaque of honor, several other gifts were also handed to the veteran

doctor and medical scholar of Iran for and on behalf of President Hojjatoleslam Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, and also by Health Minister Dr. Ali Reza Marandi, Education Minister Dr. Mohammad Ali Najafi, Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance Minister Mirsalim, Minister of Higher Education and Culture Mohammad Reza Hashemi Golpayegani and chief of the Islamic Republic of Iran Broadcasting Ali Larijani, IRNA reported.

### Iran's Outgoing Ambassador Bids Farewell to Thai PM

**IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK**  
**TEHRAN** - Iran's outgoing Ambassador to Thailand Gholamreza Yusefi Thursday conferred with Thai Prime Minister Banham Silapa Archai, at the end of his mission.

The Thai prime minister pointed to the growing trend of bilateral relations in all fields. He stressed the possibility of enhancing cooperation and launching joint ventures by the two countries.

Iran's ambassador announced Tehran's readiness to upgrade the level of its relations with Bangkok and to enter into joint ventures with that country, IRNA reported.

### Velayati's Message Delivered to Bruneian FM

**IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK**  
**TEHRAN** - Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati sent a special message to his Bruneian counterpart Prince Mohammad Bolkiah on the threshold of the 24th foreign ministers session of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC).

The message was handed to Bolkiah by Iran's ambassador to Bandar Seri Begawan, Javad Ansari, on Thursday. The message underlines the necessity of solidarity among Muslim countries and on strengthening of OIC's role in

easing present tensions among member states.

Bolkiah referred to the growing ties between Iran and Brunei, and He stressed on cooperation between their representatives in international arenas.

He said that national interests and religious values are the backbone of the two countries' independence and added that maintenance of peace and security in the world warrants efforts based on sound and mutual understanding, IRNA reported.

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IRAN  
DOMESTIC NEWS

# Tehran, Paris Should Employ Resources to Establish Peace in Region

**IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK**  
TEHRAN - President Jacques Chirac's adviser, Jean David, in Paris Wednesday called on Iran and France to employ all their potentials in order to establish peace and stability in the Middle East.

He made the remark during the meeting with the Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister for Euro-American Affairs, Mahmoud Vaezi.

Iran, like France, believes that Middle East and the Persian Gulf should not be dominated by outside powers.

David expressed his country's opposition to the d'Amato Bill, saying that Paris is totally against Washington's unilateral and extra-territorial laws.

He referred to Iran's positive role in settling the crisis in Southern Lebanon. He expressed satisfaction over promotion of Tehran-Paris economic ties.

He underlined the need to continue oil cooperation between the two countries, saying that common interests of both countries necessitates further expansion of economic cooperation.

Meanwhile, Vaezi praised Paris for its independent stance particularly with regard to the d'Amato Bill and hoped that Tehran-Paris diplomatic relations will be further upgraded.

He welcomed a future trip by Chirac to Iran, outlining Iran's stance on the Middle East peace talks.

Both Iran and France share common views, Vaezi stressed expressing satisfaction over the present trend of bilateral relations.

Tehran-Paris close relations will promote peace and security in the whole region, Vaezi said.

Avenues to broader cultural cooperation was also discussed by the two officials. Vaezi arrived in Paris Wednesday on a two-day official visit.

**■ Vaezi Confers with French Minister on Refugee Affairs**

Mahmoud Vaezi told French Humanitarian Affairs Minister Xavier Emauelli Thursday that relief aid for the refugees in Iran by international agencies were too small to meet the actual needs of the large number of refugees.

He said that Iran attached special importance to the well-being of all humans with the evidence being the presence in Iran of more than two million Afghan refugees in addition to tens of thousands of Iraqi refugees.

The Iranian official said Afghans and Iraqis had opted to seek asylum with Iran due to the crisis in their countries and also due to their assurance of stability in Iran.

The French official responded by saying that his government had last September offered relief aid for refugees in Iran as a token contribution to the costs of hosting Afghan and Iraqi refugees.

He added that the French government would gladly offer more aid for the Iraqi Kurdish refugees in Iran in view of the approaching cold season.

Emauelli said that his government appreciated Iran's humanitarian help to refugees.

**■ Vaezi Confers with French Official**

Also, Vaezi met the French Foreign Ministry director general Thursday, saying that he was pleased with the broadening of Tehran-Paris relations.

The French official said the relations between Iran and France were on a good path, and hoped that exchange of meetings, especially between the parliamentary delegations of the two countries would increase in the future.

He said talks between Iran and the European Union had gone very well, and the French government believed that no group should impose its opinions on Iran.

The French official added that the policy of France was to strengthen peace and security in the region.

Vaezi said in response that collaboration between Iran and France had helped bring to an end the killing of innocent civilians in Southern Lebanon by the Zionist regime.

He said Iran-France relations had grown especially in political and cultural areas. The Iranian Foreign Ministry envoy said that cooperation between Iran, France and the Caucasian countries would be very important especially in the economic field.

He added that the position of France was close to Iran in relation to the situation in Afghanistan, and in Central Asia.

Vaezi bere Thursday also met with French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette, IRNA reported.

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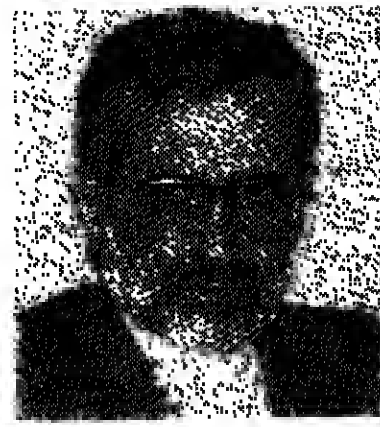
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**LET'S MEMORIZE THE QURAN**  
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In the Name of God,  
The Beneficent, the Merciful  
Nor speak a slanderous falsity  
Of their own fabrication.  
Nor disobey your goodly commendation.  
Then, do accept their oath of fealty,  
And pray to God for them to be forgiven.  
For God is Oft-Forgiving, Full of Pity. (F.N.)  
\*The 30th part of the Holy Quran is obtainable in exquisite book-form from: PASA Publication Tel. 883 4844-5

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## U.N. Chief Hails Iran's Peacemaking Activities



KHARRAZI

**IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK**  
TEHRAN - Iran's permanent representative to the United Nations, Seyed Kamal Kharrazi, met the U.N.'s Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali at the United Nations Thursday night.

The two officials discussed the current Afghan situation and the possible ways of ending the civil war and bloodshed in that country. They also exchanged views on the recent peace agreement brokered by the Islamic Republic of Iran between Sudan and Uganda.

Ghali briefed Kharrazi on the U.N.'s efforts for holding an international conference on Afghanistan and said that the organization is trying to finalize the agenda of the meeting to be held in New York on November 18.

He said the meeting will be attended by the five permanent members of the Security Council (U.S., Russia, China, France and Britain), the regional states including Iran, Pakistan, and the Central Asian republics, as well as the countries that can contribute to the reconstruction of strife-torn Afghanistan such as Italy, Germany and Japan.

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He added that unless all the factions in Afghanistan are ready to sit at the negotiations, any efforts made to end the civil war would bear no result.

Ghali and Kharrazi also reviewed the results of last week's Tehran conference on Afghanistan, attended by nine countries and four international organizations, including the U.N.

Kharrazi said that the Tehran conference has paved the way for all countries concerned to take part in the upcoming U.N. conference on Afghanistan.

He hoped for the success of the U.N. conference on Afghanistan. On the quadrilateral meeting held in Tehran between Sudan, Uganda, Iran and Malawi on October 29, to hammer out a peace agreement between Sudan and Uganda, the Iranian envoy said the two African countries have agreed to continue their dialogue in Kampala, and have placed emphasis on their commitments to "Khartoum peace agreement."



BOUTROS-GHALI

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Ghali and Kharrazi also reviewed the results of last week's Tehran conference on Afghanistan, attended by nine countries and four international organizations, including the U.N.

Kharrazi said that the Tehran conference has paved the way for all countries concerned to take part in the upcoming U.N. conference on Afghanistan.

He hoped for the success of the U.N. conference on Afghanistan. On the quadrilateral meeting held in Tehran between Sudan, Uganda, Iran and Malawi on October 29, to hammer out a peace agreement between Sudan and Uganda, the Iranian envoy said the two African countries have agreed to continue their dialogue in Kampala, and have placed emphasis on their commitments to "Khartoum peace agreement."

The Khartoum agreement was signed by Sudanese Foreign Minister Ali Osman Muhammad Taha and his Ugandan counterpart Eriya Kategaya, during the recent visit to Africa by President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Malawi was an observer at the peace meeting sponsored by Iran.

## Clinton Should Learn a Lesson from Past Mistakes, Reyshahri

**IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK**  
TEHRAN - A prominent politician on Wednesday asked U.S. President Bill Clinton to learn a lesson from the mistakes his administration had committed during the first term, it was reported on Thursday.

"The U.S. president on the basis of four years of experience should discover the truth that bullying won't work any more," he said.

The Leader of the Society for Defense of the Values of the Islamic Revolution (SDVIR), Mohammad Mohammadi Reyshahri, warned Clinton that "international public opinion does not allow the U.S. to meddle into internal affairs of other countries."

He was commenting on Tuesday's presidential elections in the United States in which Clinton was re-elected.

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"The time has come when it is but necessary that the U.S. must revise its policy in respect of its relations with the Third World and independent countries," Reyshahri, a candidate for the next June's presidential elections said.

In answer to a question, the former information minister said, "There will be no change in Iran's policy (toward Washington) as long as the U.S. believes in tyranny and coercion," he said.

The Leader's representative at the Hajj affairs, Reyshahri said, "Iran is the core of Islam and in no way ready to forfeit its fundamental principles."

In a recent interview with IRAN NEWS, Reyshahri said that renewal of ties between Iran and the United States will "compound" the problems of the Islamic Republic.

## Amoli Decries Foreign Intervention in Afghanistan

**IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK**  
TEHRAN - Foreign intervention in Afghanistan's internal affairs has deteriorated the situation of that strife-torn country, said Ayatollah Abdollah Javadi Amoli in his Friday prayer sermons in Qom yesterday.

He called for coordination of views among countries to solve the Afghan crisis, IRNA reported.

Referring to the U.S. presidential elections in which Bill Clinton retained his post as the country's top executive, he drew attention that the race for the White House was marred by general disenchantment with the policies of the administration and that only half of the American electorate turned up to vote.

He touched on the auspicious 13th of Aban (Nov. 3 this year since 1996 was a leap year) and thanked people, especially college students for turning out at the

grand ceremonies, marking the National Day of Struggle Against Global Arrogance.

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## Fekr-e-Rooz Publication Company Forwards Two Recent Books to IRAN NEWS

### Book Review

**IRAN NEWS NATIONAL DESK**  
TEHRAN - The Fekr-e-Rooz Publication Company has recently presented two of its newly-published books to IRAN NEWS.

The *Philosophers of Greece* by W.K.C. Guthrie and translated into Persian by Hassan Fathi was first published in 1375 (1996) with a circulation of 3,300 and a price of 4,500 rials.

The author, a former professor of ancient philosophy at Cambridge University, has briefly, yet comprehensively, delineated the golden period of philosophers of Greece.

Without assuming that his

readers know Greek or master classical texts, the author has endeavored to expound the views and theories of Plato and Aristotle in the light of their predecessors rather than successors.

He has elucidated the salient features of Greek philosophy and outlook toward the world.

Consequently, *The Philosophers of Greece* is a pleasant and highly informative book for the ordinary readers and a solid source for specialized studies.

The book is divided into eight parts respectively entitled "Greek Modes of Thought", "Form and Content", "The Issue of Kinesis", "A Return to Humanism", "Plato: The Theory of Ideas", "Plato: Ethical and Political Responses of the Sophists", "Aristotle: The Aristotelian World", "Aristotle: Man".

A glossary of Persian words and their English and Greek equivalents, followed by a topical index, comes at the end of the book.

*A Man in Eternal Exile* is a book written by Nader Ibrahim on the basis of the biography of Mulla Sadra Shirazi Sadr ul-Motealleheeh.

After rather lengthy acknowledgments, the book falls into sixteen distinct parts.

Altogether this book is a precious account of the life story of this distinguished personality put down through the ardent efforts of the author.

First published in 1996 by the Fekr-e-Rooz Publication Company in collaboration with the Story and Novel Workshop of the Arts Bureau of the Islamic Propagation

## 1st VP to Represent Iran in World Food Summit



HABIBI

**IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK**  
TEHRAN - A high-ranking Iranian delegation led by First Vice President Hassan Habibi is scheduled to attend the upcoming World Food Summit in Rome, Italy.

Leaders of some 200 states are to gather at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for the summit from November 13 to 20, when they are

expected to renew a pledge to ensure enough food for all.

FAO said in a report last month that more and more people in developed countries lack adequate food as a result of their governments' economic policies.

The U.N. body said in developing nations, meanwhile, some 841 million people, or 20 percent of the population, are affected by hunger.

South Asia, especially India and Bangladesh, and sub-Saharan Africa notably, where armed conflicts are taking place, are particularly affected, the FAO said.

In industrialized states, the report noted, the need for food aid had grown among lower income groups as the gap between rich and poor widened in the 1980's and 1990's, with a cut in welfare benefits and an increase in unemployment.

Homeless people were particularly vulnerable in this respect, the report added.

## Iran to Invest in Agricultural, Industrial Sectors in Tajikistan

**DUSHANBE (IRNA)** - Iran is to establish plants as well as industrial and agricultural centers in Tajikistan under an agreement reached between the two countries' officials attending a session of the joint economic commission in Tehran on October 31.

An official at the Tajik Ministry for Foreign Economic Relations said here on Thursday that under the agreement Iran is to set up polyethylene, shoeshine, serum, animal and poultry medicine and leather plants in Tajikistan.

Moreover, Iran is to cooperate with Tajikistan in setting up poultry farms in three regions in Tajikistan, building silos and wheat storing warehouses and exploring mines and natural resources including oil and gas, in the republic.

Under the contract Iran would be active in reconstruction and building of power plants and dams in Tajikistan and to this end it will send teams of experts to the country for studies on the projects.

The two countries are also to cooperate with each other in the banking and customs fields and have agreed to facilitate import and export of goods by their traders.

The Iranian ambassador to Tajikistan said for his part that Tajikistan was ready to export cotton, silk, pickled hides, wool, fruits and fresh fruits to Iran and import cit-

rus fruits, poultry, foodstuff, canned fish, vaccines and pesticides from the Islamic Republic.

Iran will also implement an irrigation project on 71,000 hectares of land in Tajikistan, he added.

Among other fields in which Iran is willing to cooperate with Tajikistan are veterinary and animal husbandry, export of cars as well as industrial and agricultural machinery, color TV sets and home appliances.

As for expansion of mutual cultural and educational cooperation, the two countries plan to exchange Persian professors and set up schools.

## 11th Int'l Confab on Electricity Concludes Work

**TEHRAN (IRNA)** - The 11th international conference on electricity ended its work here Tuesday night by stressing the upgrading of scientific and research works.

The 9-point statement issued at the end of the conference stressed that experts and researchers should channel their scientific activities and research studies toward the main industrial needs of the country.

Referring to the considerable increase in power consumption as well as increase in capacity of power stations and the national

## Iran Offers Trade Routes to Saudi Arabia

**ABU DHABI, U.A.E. (IRNA)** - First Deputy Iranian Minister of Commerce Dr. Hussein Noqreh-Kar Shirazi conferred with Saudi Arabian Minister of Roads and Transportation Nasser as-Saloum in a meeting in Jeddah Thursday on the sidelines of the session of the Islamic Union of the Ship Owners.

Present at the meeting were Iran's permanent representative to the Jeddah-based Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), Sabah Zanganeh, and deputies of the Saudi Arabian Ministry of Roads and Transportation.

Noqreh-Kar Shirazi called for the expansion of Tehran-Riyadh relations in the economic and commercial fields, and suggested that ties in the transportation sector could well be expanded in view of Iran's ideal location as a safe transit route for Saudi Arabian trade with other regional states.

The Iranian senior official also called for cooperation and coordination between the two countries' marine transportation companies, to which the Saudi Arabian minister agreed.

As-Saloum said that a working committee of experts could be set up in this regard.

The Saudi Arabian minister referred to the formation of regional and international economic organizations and underlined the need for further strengthening of Islamic economic and trade blocs.

Earlier in the day, several Saudi Arabians met Noqreh-Kar Shirazi to discuss ways of promoting the commercial ties between the two countries.

## Nematzadeh Discusses Tehran-Almaty Cooperation

**ALMATY (IRNA)** - Kazakh officials in separate meetings here Wednesday with the visiting Iranian Minister of Industries Mohammad Reza Nematzadeh called for further promotion of Tehran-Almaty relations in various areas.

Kazakh Deputy Prime Minister Dousenbai Dyecenov in a meeting with Nematzadeh Wednesday described bilateral relations as excellent.

Referring to Iran's great technical and industrial potentials, Dyecenov said that his country

considers the Islamic Republic as its best friend.

Meanwhile, Kazakh Agriculture Minister Serik Akhimbekov called for Iran's participation in development of his country's fisheries. The proposal was welcomed by the Iranian minister.

Nematzadeh also voiced Iran's readiness to provide agricultural machinery for Kazakhstan.

Meanwhile, Tehran-Almaty cooperation in the area of transpor-

tation was discussed by Nematzadeh and Kazakh minister of transportation, Yuri Lavrinenko.

Transport of goods via the Silk Road railroad and the two countries joint shipping line in the Caspian Sea as well as construction of bridges and roads in Kazakhstan by the Islamic Republic were other issues discussed by the two ministers.

Nematzadeh also inspected a number of factories in the Kazakh capital Wednesday.

## Libya Seeks Iranian Expertise in Mining, Metal Processing Sectors

**TEHRAN (IRNA)** - In a meeting here on Wednesday with Iran's Minister of Mines and Metals Hussein Mahlouji, the Libyan Minister of Housing Mubarak Abdullah al-Shamekh sought Iranian help in mining and metal processing, noting Iran's expertise in this vital field.

Referring to the Iranian contribution to his country for the building of housing units, he emphasized that Libya was keen on Iranian help to develop its mining and metal processing sector.

Mahlouji said that Islamic Iran has the technology to design, build, and exploit big industrial plants and is ready to offer its ex-

pertise to other countries particularly to the Islamic states at rates far lower than other countries of the world.

He pointed out that Iranian engineers are making use of the countries' mineral resources to build a giant aluminum complex at the port-city of Bandar Abbas with an initial production capacity of 1,100,000 tons per annum, which will be increased to 3,300,000 tons annually in the near future.

Iran has set the target to produce 500,000 tons of copper and 12 million tons of steel in the next few years, from the current figures of 6 million tons of steel and 120,000 tons of copper.

## 1st Iranian-Made Fishing Ship Launched

**ZAHEDAN, SISTAN BALUCHISTAN PROVINCE (IRNA)** - The first domestically manufactured fishing ship 'Tangestan' was launched in Chabahar, southeast Iran, on Thursday.

Made of fiberglass and equipped with a 400-horsepower engine, the ship can transport 160 tons of cargo, said director gen-

eral of the provincial Fisheries Department, Qambar Jal'ili here Thursday.

Built at a cost of 1.5 billion rials, the ship is 23 meters long and 6.5 meters wide.

So far 200,000 million rials has been disbursed in Chabahar to set up various workshops including 11 ice producing mills, seven fish powder and fishing tools producing factories.

## 43 Reservoir Dams Being Built Across Iran

**URMIA, WEST AZARBAIJAN PROVINCE (IRNA)** - Some 43 reservoir dams are under construction in different parts of Iran, an Energy Ministry official said on Thursday.

Asadollah Asadollahi, director general of Water Department at the Ministry of Energy, said that some

2,000 billion rials has been allocated to the construction of the dams this year, and some 2,200 billion rials will be invested to complete the said projects next year.

He further added that some of these dams which are under construction by Iranian experts rank with the great dams of the world.

## IATA Condemns Sanctions on Iran

**TEHRAN (IRNA)** - The International Air Transport Association (IATA) in Geneva on Wednesday condemned sanctions imposed on Iran on shipment of airplane parts.

IATA Director General Pierre J. Jeuniet in a statement at the body's 52nd Annual General Assembly, which started work in Geneva on Monday, deplored the sanctions. The session was attended by representatives of 254 international airline associations.

Jeuniet called on all governments to refrain from any move which threatens safety of the international flights.

Iran, represented by a delegation led by managing director of the Islamic Republic airlines, Iran Air, Hassan Shafii, was chosen member of the cargo committee and the Council for Development and Training of Manpower.

## Iran Offers to Set up Permanent Trade Exhibition in Dubai

**TEHRAN (IRNA)** - Iranian Minister of Commerce Yahya Aley Eshaq in his meeting with the mayor of Dubai on Wednesday, said that Iran is ready to set up a permanent trade exhibition in the emirate of Dubai.

If necessary conditions are met, Iran may turn the proposed trade exhibition into a giant trade center of its kind, he added.

Aley Eshaq, noting that Dubai is the biggest market for Persian carpets where the trade of Persian carpets runs into millions of dollars annually, said that the two countries can cooperate to ease customs and tariff charges in this regard.

Iran is ready to have an active presence in the Dubai Carpet Exhibition, and hopes to increase the volume of trade exchanges in various other fields, he said.

## Tehran-Moscow Scientific, Technical Relations Discussed

**MOSCOW (IRNA)** - The Russian Vice Premier Vladimir Fyrtov here Wednesday called for further expansion of Tehran-Moscow ties in scientific and technical fields.

Fyrtov who is also director of the Russian Institute of Economic Analysis, made the remark in a meeting with Iran's Ambassador to Moscow, Mehdi Safari Wednesday.

Holding the second exhibition of Russian technological achievements in Iran was among major topics discussed in the meeting.

The Iranian ambassador invited Fyrtov to pay a visit to Iran. Welcoming the invitation, the Russian official said that Iran and Russia enjoy historical cultural and social relations.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

### IRAN NEWS ECONOMIC DESK

**TEHRAN** - The following are the foreign exchange rates in rials as released by the Central Bank of the Islamic Republic of Iran on Thursday.

COUNTRY	UNIT	Floating Rates		Export Rates	
		SELLING	BUYING	SELLING	BUYING
Australia	dollar	1,390	1,372	2,383	2,372
Austria	schilling	164	163	282	280
Belgium	(100)francs	5,604	5,572	9,613	9,568
Canada	dollar	1,321	1,313	2,266	2,255
Denmark	krone	301	299	515	513
France	franc	342	340	587	584
Germany	mark	1,152	1,151	1,985	1,975
Italy	(100)liras	116	115	198	197
Japan	(100)yen	1,542	1,534	2,648	2,633
Netherlands	guilder	1,032	1,026	1,220	1,261
Sweden	krone	265	263	455	453
Switzerland	franc	1,376	1,368	2,361	2,349
U.K.	pound	2,888	2,871	4,954	4,929
U.S.	dollar	1,755	1,750	3,015	3,000
U.A.E.	dirham	479	476	820	818



**KAMP-LINTFORT, GERMANY:** Miners of the Friedrich-Heinrich Mine in Kamp-Lintfort hold torches as they join an evening march of some 1,000 miners to preserve the German Mining Industry Nov. 6. The demonstration is part of a week-long protest action. The march - entitled "Without Coal the Lights Will Go Out" - was held in the city center, where the usual street-lights were switched off for the event. Union placard in background reads: "Coal is Our Life - Let Us Live!" (AFP Photo)

Handwritten text in Persian script: "کامپ لنتفورت ۱۵۰۰ نفر"



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## Indian Cyclone Toll Nears 1,000

HYDERABAD, INDIA (AFP) - Up to 1,000 people may have been killed by a cyclone which smashed into the southern Indian state of Andhra Pradesh, a top official said yesterday.

"Between 800 to 1,000 people could have perished," State Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu said, urging New Delhi to declare it a "national calamity" and pump in emergency relief funds.

Relief officials, meanwhile, said the official toll, currently standing at 477, was certain to rise as rescue teams began to reach devastated areas cut off for the past two days.

State Chief Secretary M.S. Rajaji said: "Our estimates are based on village-to-village surveys. There are a large number of villages our assessment teams have yet to reach."

"We have only been able to restore telephone lines to two major towns. So all of the estimates are pure guesswork."

But he flatly denied reports that 2,000 people could have died, saying: "The chief minister went on an aerial survey of the region. There have been reports of 2,000 killed but the chief minister has never said that, anywhere."

## Taliban Intensify Prayer Roundups

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN (Dispatches) - Taliban fighters armed with machine guns and lengths of hose-pipe yesterday appeared to intensify their weekly drive to force Kabul residents into the city's main mosque, witnesses said.

The stepped up effort came exactly six weeks after the Islamic warriors burst into the city, toppling the government of President Burhanuddin Rabbani and imposing strict Islamic rule here.

"For some reason they seem to have got serious again this week about making people offer prayers in mosque," student Sayed Agha said.

"There was no violence, but there was certainly more pressure than in the past few weeks, although it was not as strong as on the first Friday after the Taliban arrived here," he added.

About 20 Islamic fighters patrolled the streets near the battered capital's main Pul-i-Khista Mosque ahead of Friday prayers in the domed 18th century building, prodding and sometimes dragging passers-by inside.

One fighter dragged an old man

into the mosque by his beard after he resisted the order to offer prayers, while a handicapped man who was being pushed through the streets on a cart was also ordered inside.

Other pedestrians and motorists were herded into the building as they passed or were told to leave their vehicles or market stalls to attend the prayers session.

The scene contrasted with that of the previous four weeks when the Taliban relaxed the armed patrols, while most Kabulites stayed at home during the midday prayer period to avoid being forced to pray.

Meanwhile, the United Nations special investigator on violence against women expressed concern yesterday over reports of the Islamic Taliban movement abusing and even attacking Afghan girls and women.

Radhika Coomaraswamy, a Sri Lankan lawyer, urgently appealed to Mullah Mohammad Omar, leader of the Supreme Council of the Taliban Movement, to "reinstate respect for human rights of women" by lifting its ban on women's participation in society.

Reuters reported that the Taliban, who seized Kabul on September 27, demand that their strict version of Islamic sharia law be imposed throughout the country. The U.N. Security Council has denounced what it called discrimination against girls and women, who have been forbidden to work or attend schools and universities.

AFP reported that the frontlines north of Kabul were relatively quiet yesterday with only sporadic exchanges of artillery fire between the Taliban militia and rival coalition forces, witnesses said.

"There was some light shelling, but nothing out of the ordinary," travelers reported.

There are frontlines on two parallel northbound highways from Kabul.

Journalists are only allowed by the Taliban to travel on the so-called New Road where the fundamentalist militia has a battery of howitzers and multi-barrel rocket launchers to provide fire support for both frontlines.

These heavy weapons have become a target for air attacks by the anti-Taliban alliance, but no aerial activity was reported yesterday.

"The arrival in power of the right (in Israel) has made things much more difficult," the former prime minister said in an interview with AFP ahead of next week's regional economic conference in Cairo.

"But the 'new Middle East,' founded on the basis of peace and regional economic development, is not dead," added Peres, who was defeated by right-wing Likud Leader Benjamin Netanyahu in Israel's May general elections.

"The peace process has to move forward on two legs - one political and the other economic," the Labor Party leader said. "The political leg may be in a cast but even so, it is still possible to move forward."

Peres was a prime mover behind the holding of the two previous Middle East economic conferences - in Casablanca, Morocco, in 1994 and Amman in 1995 - and has supported the creation of a common market for the Middle East.

### Israel Calls Christopher Extraordinary Diplomat

JERUSALEM - Israel yesterday praised outgoing U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher as an "extraordinarily skilled diplomat" but said it was sure U.S. policy would remain the same despite his resignation.

"We considered Secretary Christopher as an extraordinarily skilled diplomat and one whose dedication to the peace process has been unlimited," Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Communications Director David Bar-Ilan told Reuters.

"But I am quite certain that American foreign policy is not determined by personalities but by American interests and goals, and we believe that these interests and goals are almost identical to those of Israel's and we hope that we can continue to work together with the administration on achieving peace with security in the Middle East."

President Bill Clinton accepted Christopher's resignation on Thursday as a major administration reshuffle began after Clinton's re-election.

Christopher shuttled frequently to the Middle East during Clinton's first term to push peace negotiations between Israel and Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and the Palestinians.

Clinton said he had made no decision on a successor for the 71-year-old Christopher, the most travelled secretary of state in U.S. history. Christopher has logged more than 700,000 miles and plans more globe-trotting before stepping down on January 20 when Clinton is inaugurated for his second term.

The top names in contention to replace him are U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Madeleine Albright and former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, a Maine Democrat serving as U.S. special envoy for peace efforts in Northern Ireland.

### Clinton Promises Netanyahu to Work for Just Mideast Peace

JERUSALEM - President Clinton wrote to Benjamin Netanyahu that he hoped to work closely with the Israeli government in bringing peace to the Middle East, Netanyahu's office said yesterday.

Since the May election victory

posted in Israel.

The right-wing leader reiterated his opposition to "recognition by Israel of a right to self-determination for the Palestinians because that would imply the right to create a truly independent state."

"A large majority of Israelis rule out this prospect because even those who are ready to accept a Palestinian state alongside Israel want this state to be disarmed, something which is incompatible with real independence," he said.

Netanyahu said at the meeting on Monday that he wants a level of Palestinian autonomy to allow them "to run their own affairs, while security remains in the hands of Israel."

Puerto Rico in the Caribbean is a U.S. territory. Its residents have U.S. citizenship but not the right to vote in American legislative or presidential elections.

The Principality of Andorra has a special status under the joint suzerainty of France and a bishop in Spain, the two countries it straddles.

In a survey published by Tel Aviv University this week, most Jews said they were opposed to the establishment of an independent Palestinian state, by a 52-41 per cent margin.

### Peres Says Dream of "New Middle East" Still Alive

JERUSALEM - Shimon Peres, the Israeli opposition leader and architect of the peace process, said yesterday that his dream of a "new Middle East" remains alive despite the present climate in the region.

### Netanyahu Sees Andorra or Puerto Rico-Like Status for Palestinians

JERUSALEM - Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu proposes a limited sovereignty like in Andorra or Puerto Rico as a final status for the Palestinian territories, the newspaper Haaretz reported yesterday.

"In the framework of a final settlement, I foresee for the Palestinians a status similar to that of the residents of Puerto Rico or the principality of Andorra," he said at a meeting with ambassadors

## More Fighting Erupts in Southern Philippines, Death Toll Now 94

TIPO-TIPO, PHILIPPINES (AP) - The death toll in almost a month of fighting on a southern Philippine island has risen to 94 after the military discovered the bodies of seven soldiers captured by Muslim rebels, an army officer said yesterday.

The officer, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the military has killed 64 guerrillas of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front while losing 30 soldiers since the rebels ambushed an army patrol Oct. 15.

### Kazakh Deputy FM Named as New Ambassador to Tehran

IRAN NEWS POLITICAL DESK  
TEHRAN - Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev appointed Kazakh Deputy Foreign Minister Vacheslav Gizzatov as Kazakhstan's ambassador extraordinary and plenipotentiary to Iran.

Born in 1942, Gizzatov graduated from Saratov Law College in 1964 and in 1970 from the Higher Diplomatic School, affiliated to the Foreign Ministry of the former Soviet Union.

He has served as deputy foreign minister of Kazakhstan since 1994.

The military launched massive operations against the rebels using helicopter gunships and artillery following the ambush in a remote village of Tipo-Tipo on Basilan Island, about 900 kilometers (560 miles) south of Manila.

"I hope that history will record your (future) efforts in establishing a fair and comprehensive peace based on the principle of land for peace, a principle which you have said is the basis of the peace process."

The United States has been sponsoring the Israeli-Arab peace process since its launch in 1991. The Syrian-Israeli negotiations, frozen for the last nine months, took place in the presence of U.S. officials.

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Maximum	19°C		
Minimum	10°C		
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High: Minab	33°C		
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Temperature in some major cities of the world on Nov. 6, 1996			
Paris	13°C	Kuwait	28°C
Riyadh	31°C	London	10°C
Rome	18°C	Frankfurt	09°C
Abu Dhabi	31°C	Karachi	31°C

of Netanyahu, a hardline leader, U.S. mediators have played a growing role in the stalled Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

There has been speculation that after Clinton's election victory this week, the United States would exert greater pressure on Netanyahu to make some concessions.

In a letter to Netanyahu, Clinton said his administration remained committed to "enhancing the security and well-being of Israel."

"I look forward to working closely with you as we continue our vital joint efforts to bring a just, lasting and comprehensive peace to the Middle East," said the letter released by the Netanyahu office.

An intervention should be decided by governments, under the aegis of the U.N. Security Council, he said, noting that the Red Cross cannot itself directly call for military intervention.

### Zairean Students Give PM Ultimatum to Quit in Show of Force

KINSHASA, ZAIRE - Thousands of students stepped up the pressure on Zaire's beleaguered premier to resign in a display of force yesterday that combined student nationalism and a chilling ultimatum.

At a noisy funeral of two students killed in an anti-government rally earlier this week, they warned Kengo Wa Donoo to stand down by Tuesday or face the consequences.

The more than 5,000 students, again defying a government ban on such demonstrations, also called for urgent military action to defeat mainly Tutsi rebels in eastern Zaire.

Earlier, there were reports that a student had been shot and wounded in a demonstration outside a university building, but that was not independently confirmed.

### Three Spanish Missionaries Reported Murdered in Zaire

MADRID, SPAIN - Three Spanish missionaries were murdered overnight Thursday near Bukavu in eastern Zaire, the Foreign Ministry said yesterday.

"We know nothing of the circumstances of their death, but the only thing we are sure of, is that they are dead," the spokesman said.

The Foreign Ministry earlier told AFP it could not confirm whether the three brothers had been killed.

A spokesman at the headquarters of the Marist Order was also unable to confirm the report.

Julio Rodriguez Jorge, 40, Sr.

vando Mayor Garcia, 44, and Miguel Angel Isla Lucio, 56, were members of the Marist Order.

All three were from the Spanish central region of Castilla-Leon.

"We've investigated every aspect with regard to that particular ship and there's nothing there," he added.

The investigation into the crash, which killed 230 people, has determined that the center fuel tank of the Boeing 747 exploded, and fire damage was found in the right wing's fuel tank.

It has not been officially determined whether the explosion was the result of a technical problem, a bomb or a missile.

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Reza Shahrudi scored in the 38th minute from a free kick.

But in the 71st minute, Abbas Hassan headed in the equalizer. Five minutes later Edmund Bezik scored the winner for Pirouzi.

Pirouzi in its second match on Sunday will play Al-Nasr of Saudi Arabia.

had sent a delegation to Iran three weeks ago.

During his visit he had noted "a firm desire that economic cooperation should develop."

Vaezi, who met French Foreign Minister Herve de Charette on Thursday, said that de Charette had said he wanted France to become "Iran's biggest economic trading partner."

France wanted to develop bilateral relations without taking any account of U.S. measures to penalize European companies investing in hydrocarbons industries in Iran and Libya.

This was seen as a reference to the so-called U.S. d'Amato Law. "On our side, also, we want to see a big increase in our trade," with France, he said.

Bilateral trade amounts to about 10 billion francs (two billion dollars) per year which is far less than trade between Iran and Germany and Japan.

Vaezi, during his visit here, also met the Minister for Infrastructure Bernard Pons, and was received at the presidential palace.

gation Organization (IPO), this book has a circulation of 8,800 and a price of 7,000 rials.

The aforementioned two books are available at the Fekr-e-Rooz Publication Company at the following address:

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## Zairean Rebels Fighting Government Troops, Rwandan Hutus

GOMA, ZAIRE (AFP) - Rebels in control of this eastern Zairean town battled yesterday against Zairean troops and armed Rwandan Hutus a few kilometers (miles) to the west of Goma, residents said.

People on the outskirts of the town could hear artillery fire yesterday and a road to the battle zone was closed to civilians. Gunfire was heard about 15 to 20 kilometers (a dozen miles) from Goma on Thursday evening.

A rebel official, Emmanuel Kamanzi, said armed Rwandan Hutus were holding out at nearby Mugunga and trying to attack Goma. The rebels accuse the same people of preventing refugees who fled camps because of fighting from returning to them.

The Hutus have launched raids back into Rwanda, now controlled by the minority ethnic group in the Tutsi-dominated Rwandan Patriotic Front. The government in Kinshasa accuses the Kigali regime of backing the rebels in eastern Zaire.

Meanwhile, it was reported that cholera could quickly kill up to 150,000 refugees in eastern Zaire unless good quality drinking water reaches them in coming days, the International Federation of Red Cross Societies warned yesterday.

### Paris, London Paper Cracks on Zaire

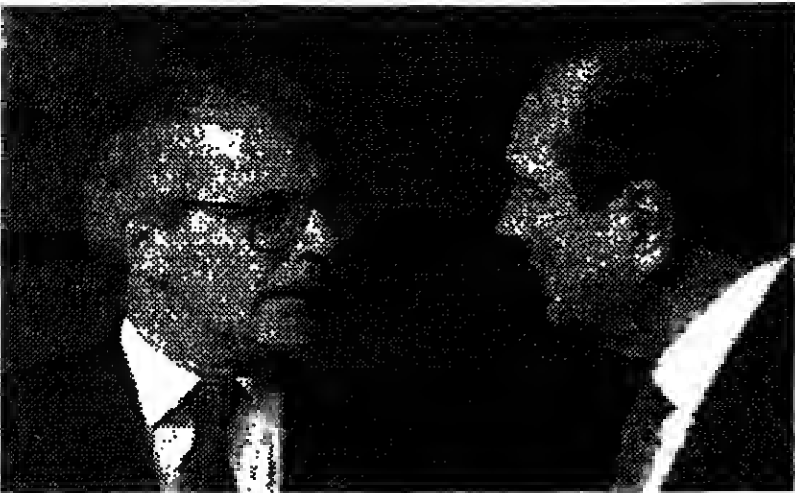
BORDEAUX, FRANCE - France and Britain agreed a joint statement on the crisis in Zaire yesterday, although clear differences remained, as they sought to trumpet other issues at a Franco-British summit.

President Jacques Chirac and Premier John Major said they were ready to contribute to "international arrangements" to ensure aid supplies, although it remained unclear whether London will send soldiers as demanded by Paris.

"The two countries have decided to coordinate their efforts closely, to ensure that the necessary international arrangements can swiftly be put in place to enable humanitarian aid reliably to reach displaced persons and refugees in Zaire once again," they

said in a joint statement. Chirac has been hoping to press Major to back Paris' proposal for a 5,000-strong military

welcome, whether by African forces or mixed, but neutral, we insist they must be strictly neutral. We do not want any more advan-



Major (L) and Chirac discuss Zaire.

intervention force in the region, where hundreds of thousands of refugees are trapped without aid due to fighting.

France hopes that the United States will swiftly decide that American contingents should take part in an intervention force for eastern Zaire to aid refugees, the Foreign Ministry said yesterday.

### Rwandan Government Ready to Accept African-European Force

BONN, GERMANY - Rwandan Foreign Minister Anastase Gasana said yesterday his government was prepared to accept intervention by a mixed African-European force to bring in help for an estimated over one million refugees stranded in eastern Zaire.

But he insisted such a force must be "strictly neutral".

At a news conference in Bonn, Gasana indicated that French participation in such a force would be regarded with suspicion and unwelcome.

He said the Rwandan government was opposed to another "adventure" like France's in the Rwandan civil war of 1994.

Gasana said the Rwandan government would support "any humanitarian action which does not have a hidden agenda".

"Any positive action would be



BUKAVU, ZAIRE: Rebel Tutsi Leader Laurent Desire Kabila (L) flanked by Masusu Nindaya speaks to a press conference in Bukavu, in south Kivu region, Nov. 6. He said that they would push on with their offensive in the region, despite announcing a three-week cease-fire.

(AFP Photo)

tures of the kind we have experienced in Rwanda," he said, referring to the French "Operation Turquoise".

### U.N. Chief Calls for Multinational Force for Zaire

UNITED NATIONS - U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali called yesterday for a multinational force to "stabilize the situation" in eastern Zaire.

He told the Security Council that "unless effective action is taken urgently, many tens of thou-

sands of human beings are going to die of hunger and disease."

### Red Cross Endorses Armed Intervention in Zaire

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND - The International Red Cross yesterday endorsed international armed intervention in conflict-ridden eastern Zaire to halt the refugee tragedy there and save more than a million civilian lives.

Cornelio Sommaruga, president of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), said in Geneva that the organization was dismayed that humanitarian agencies have been denied access to the region.

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## Pakistan's Interim Government Plans to Prosecute Graft Accused

ISLAMABAD (Dispatches) - Pakistan's new caretaker government plans to introduce a law preventing those charged with corruption from running in February elections and aims to ensure recovery of outstanding bank loans from politicians and industrialists, officials said yesterday.

An accountability law was also being drafted to prosecute people accused of corruption in the administration and business, the officials said. The law will be enacted in a few days.

President Farooq Ahmed Leghari dismissed Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto Tuesday, accusing her three-year old government of rampant corruption, mismanagement and lawlessness resulting in the deaths of thousands of people.

Leghari, who ordered new elections for February 3, said corruption in the Bhutto era had become so grave that in some cases it endangered national security.

The Bhutto government had prepared a list of 250 bank loan defaulters which included some opposition politicians. Similarly, Bhutto's chief political rival, top opposition leader Nawaz Sharif, had submitted a list of 250 defaulters which included Bhutto party members.

Caretaker Premier Malik Moraj Khalid, who took over after Bhutto's ouster, said an accountability law would ensure only the most "trust-worthy and upright" people were elected in February.

The government would follow an "even-handed" policy and there would be no discrimination, he told reporters in the Punjab provin-



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cial capital of Lahore on Thursday.

The interim premier ruled out possibility of delaying the polls, saying that elections would be held on February 3 as promised by Leghari.

He refused to answer questions about the detention of Bhutto's husband, Asif Ali Zardari, saying the situation would be clear very soon.

Bhutto was allowed to meet Zardari after she accused President Leghari of "kidnapping" her husband through police and security agencies.

In a related report from Islamabad, Pakistan cricket-turned-politician Imran Khan announced yesterday that his party would contest forthcoming elections and field candidates who have "honesty, integrity and competence."

In another development, Governor Imran Ullah Khan dissolved the Legislative Assembly in Pakistan's southwestern Baluchistan Province yesterday, citing lawlessness, drug trafficking, ethnic rivalries and corruption, an official statement said.

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### Tajik Fighting Worries United Nations Observers

DUSHANBE, TAJIKISTAN (Dispatches) - United Nations military observers in Tajikistan said yesterday they were "gravely disturbed" by a flare-up in fighting between government forces and guerrillas from the Islamist opposition, Reuter reported.

"UNMOT is gravely disturbed by recent cease-fire violations in the Karategin Valley and the Tavildara area," said a statement issued to reporters in the capital Dushanbe by UNMOT (United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan).

The fighting in the former Soviet republic contravenes a United Nations-sponsored cease-fire reconfirmed in July, but regularly flouted since then.

Meanwhile AFP reported, Tajik Islamic rebels yesterday released 25 policemen they had been holding captive, in exchange for four of their guerrillas freed by the government, U.N. observers said.

### White House Panel Slams Pentagon Probe of Persian Gulf War Syndrome

WASHINGTON (AFP) - A White House panel said a Pentagon probe of Persian Gulf War veterans' claims they were exposed to chemical weapons was superficial and lacked credibility, the New York Times said yesterday.

The panel's final report, which should be delivered to President Bill Clinton next month, calls for the investigation to be taken away from the Defense Department and given to outside investigators.

The Pentagon "has conducted a superficial investigation ... which is unlikely to provide credible answers to veterans' questions," the report said, according to the Times.

Despite numerous complaints of ailments by Persian Gulf War veterans, the Pentagon only recently admitted some chemical weapons may have been released when a large ammunition depot in southern Iraq was blown up by us forces in March 1991, shortly after the war ended.

The White House panel found

in that case "overwhelming" evidence that chemical weapons were released. Thousands of U.S. troops were deployed near the blast at the time.

The draft of the final report, which was provided to the daily, said the research into the health effects of chemical exposure during the 1991 Persian Gulf war should have begun years ago.

The Pentagon's "intransigence in refusing to fund such research until summer 1996 has done veterans and the public a disservice," the report said.

The panel, however, believes that chemical weapons exposure was limited to clusters of Persian Gulf war veterans, "theater-wide contamination is highly unlikely," it said.

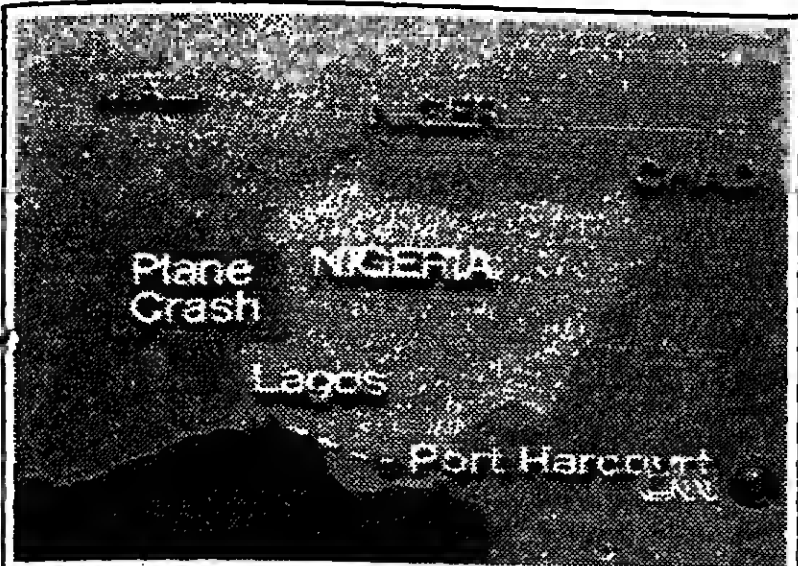
The committee, which included several prominent doctors and scientists, praised the central intelligence agency for "aggressively" investigating reports of alleged exposure.

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## No Trace of Missing Nigerian Jet

LAGOS, NIGERIA (AFP) - No trace has been found of a missing Nigerian Boeing 727 with 141 people on board but the search is continuing, a spokesman for Nigeria's ADC Airlines and Federal Aviation officials said yesterday.

Nigerian troops and police, backed by helicopters, were taking part in efforts to locate the Lagos-bound plane, which went missing on Thursday at 5:05 p.m. (16:05 GMT).

A Federal Aviation official, speaking on condition of anonymity, was tightlipped as to whether the plane crashed, with all people on board dead but said efforts to trace it were continuing yesterday afternoon.

Search efforts got underway after air traffic controllers at Murtala Mohammed Airport in Lagos lost

contact with the jetliner, which was on a one-hour flight from Port Harcourt, capital of rivers state in Nigeria's oil-rich south, to Lagos.

Helicopters involved in the search since dawn near Lagos and along the plane's flight path regularly returned to Murtala Mohammed Airport yesterday but crews said they had found no trace of the aircraft.

ADC officials contacted by AFP would not brief journalists and said Federal Aviation authorities had set up a crisis team at the airport, which would handle all queries.

ADC Flight 086 was carrying 132 passengers and nine crew members when it went missing after departing from Port Harcourt at 4:30 p.m. (15:30 GMT).

## Clinton Approved Decision Not to Block Bosnian Arms Shipments

WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Bill Clinton approved a secret decision to turn a blind eye to Bosnian arms shipments from Iran via Croatia in 1994 that circumvented a U.N. embargo, according to a U.S. Senate report.

The decision at the instigation of the State Department and National Security Council was not illegal but "was not an honest policy," according to Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Arlen Specter.

Specter said Thursday he believed the U.S. administration misled the public and the press about the U.S. decision.

U.S. officials have said they gave no instructions to Zagreb in April 1994 when Croatia indicated Iran was to transport weapons to Bosnian Muslims despite an international arms embargo.

But the Defense Department and the CIA were kept in the dark about the decision, creating confusion in the administration, according to the report based on a seven-month investigation.

Administration officials said Washington was in an awkward position after Clinton had rejected a congressional effort to have the United States unilaterally lift the embargo.

But they later defended the decision, saying that without the weapons, the U.N.-declared safe areas including Sarajevo might have fallen. U.S. forces could have been needed to intervene to evacuate U.N. peacekeepers.

## Turkish Kurds Kill 15 in Attack on Mini-Bus

ANKARA, TURKEY (AFP) - Kurdish separatist rebels firing automatic weapons and rockets killed 15 people yesterday in an attack on a mini-bus in southeast Turkey, the Anadolu news agency said.

It said the attack, which also left 10 wounded, occurred near the town of Cukurca.

Nine of the fatalities were pro-government Kurdish militia fighters, Anadolu said.

Fighters of the Kurdistan Workers' Party opened fire on the vehicle as it travelled between two towns near the Iraqi border, the agency said without giving further details.

## India's Rao Gets Reprieves Against Arrest

NEW DELHI (Reuters) - Former Indian Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao won reprieves against arrest in two cases of alleged forgery and bribery yesterday, two days after he was granted bail in a cheating case, court officials said.

The Delhi high court, in separate hearings, granted bail to Rao in the two cases, effectively protecting him against arrest in any of the three criminal cases in which he has been charged.

## Bosnian Presidency Still at Odds Over Government

SARAJEVO (AFP) - The three members of the Bosnian presidency failed again yesterday to agree on the make-up of the government, an official statement released after their meeting in Sarajevo said.

"The presidency did not agree on the organization of the council of ministers", the communiqué said.

Under the Dayton Accord post-war Bosnia-Herzegovina is composed of two largely autonomous entities, the Muslim-Croat Federation and the Republika Srpska, with a loose central government.

The council of ministers, or the central government, should be composed of chairman, foreign affairs and foreign trade ministers, and "other ministries as may be appropriate", the accord says.

It is the potential additional ministries that are the cause of dispute among the presidency members.

Muslim President Alija Izetbegovic and his Croat counterpart Kresimir Zubak agreed that the future government should be composed of "the chairman and five ministries", the statement said.

## Hashimoto Calls for Further Strengthening of Ties with China

TOKYO, JAPAN (AFP) - Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto said yesterday he hoped to achieve a further strengthening of Japan's ties with China, recently strained by a dispute over a group of uninhabited islands.

"The Japan-China relationship, which is one of the most important for us along with the Japan-U.S. relationship, not only affects our two countries," he told a nationally televised news conference a day after being re-elected to a second term following last month's general elections.

"The stability of this relationship is important for the Asia-Pacific region and the world as a whole. In this respect, the responsibilities of both countries are extremely heavy," Hashimoto said.

"We will honestly tackle various issues between Japan and China and make efforts towards further strengthening cooperative relations between the two countries on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic ties," he said, referring to commemorations planned for

## Salman Rushdie to Accept Prize in Copenhagen Wednesday

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK (AFP) - British writer Salman Rushdie will be allowed into Denmark to accept a European Union literary award here Wednesday, the Ritzau news agency said yesterday, after a storm erupted when the government tried to scrap his trip for "security reasons."

The Danish government last week canceled a visit by Rushdie, planned for November 14 to receive the Aristeion European literary prize.



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next year.

In addition to the renewed flare-up over the islands, known as Diaoyu in China and the Senkaku in Japan, Beijing has condemned Hashimoto's recent visit to a controversial shrine which honors Japan's war dead including war criminals sentenced to death after World War II.

Meanwhile, two ministers in the new Japanese Cabinet have resigned from their top positions in a pro-Taiwan group of lawmakers from the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), ministerial aides said yesterday.

## The World at a Glance



**MOSCOW, RUSSIA** - Two people were killed and 20 injured early yesterday in an explosion in a discotheque in Russia's far eastern city of Vladivostok, Interfax news agency reported.

**TOKYO, JAPAN** - U.S. Ambassador to Japan Walter Mandale announced yesterday plans to step down in mid-December after more than three years helping to steer a bilateral relationship which he described as "the most important on Earth".

**BANJUL, GAMBIA** - Unidentified armed assailants attacked a Gambia military camp east of the capital yesterday, leaving at least two people dead and several injured, official sources said.

**HAVANA, CUBA** - Cable News Network won a battle among U.S. media titans, elbowing out the competition to become the first U.S.-based press group authorized to open offices in Cuba since 1961, a Cuban official said Thursday.

**MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE** - Mozambican President Joaquim Chissano has sacked Interior Minister Colonel Manuel Antonio and his deputy Edmundo Alberto, the president's office announced yesterday.

**BOGOTA, COLOMBIA** - An 11-year ordeal has finally ended for the family of a Colombian boy who fell into a coma in 1986 while under anesthesia for a simple tonsillectomy, local news reports said on Thursday.

**BELGRADE** - Belgrade has officially requested that the mandate of a U.N. force in the lost Serb-held part of Croatia be extended for one year and not the six months to which Croatia has agreed, Tanjug news agency said yesterday.

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## Turkish Minister Quits in Crime Boss Scandal

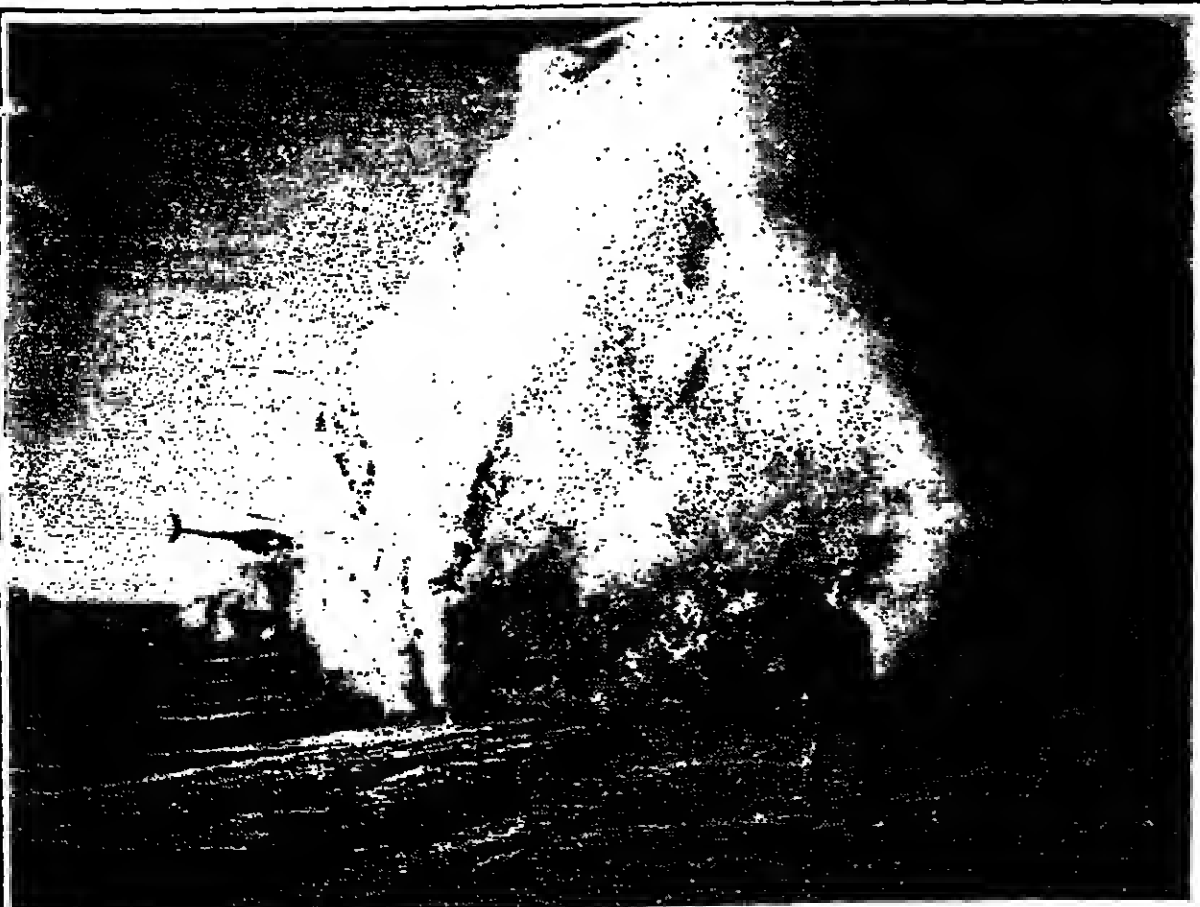
ANKARA, TURKEY (Reuters) - Turkish Interior Minister Mehmet Agar resigned yesterday in a scandal that has raised questions about possible links between the powerful security apparatus and a gangster wanted for political killings and drug dealing.

"Mehmet agar has given in his resignation," Prime Minister Necmettin Erbakan told reporters after a meeting with coalition partner Tansu Ciller, the foreign min-

ister.

Erbakan said he had accepted the resignation and appointed Meral Aksener, a woman MP from Ciller's True Path Party (DYP), as the new interior minister.

The prime minister denied that Agar resigned as a direct result of the scandal that has unraveled since a police chief, a fugitive mobster and a former beauty queen died in the same car in a traffic accident last weekend.



SOUTHERN ICELAND, ICELAND: A man walks past a giant iceblock Nov. 6 which was washed onto the Skeidarassandur-Sands on the south shore of Iceland, by the meltwater floods following a subglacial volcano eruption under the Vatnajökull glacier Oct. 2. The meltwater floods, estimated by experts at around 40-50,000 cubic meters per second, have damaged roads, bridges and power lines in the region. (AFP Photo)

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### Police Seek Suspect in Rozier Shooting

CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY (AP) - Mike Rozier, the 1983 Heisman Trophy winner, remained hospitalized Thursday with gunshot wounds while the search continued for his assailant.

Rozier, 35, of Camden, is in the trauma unit at Cooper Hospital-University Medical Center. A hospital spokeswoman, at the family's request, declined to release additional information. "He's talking," said a police source who asked to remain unidentified. "Evidently, his condition is greatly improved." The former Nebraska star and National Football League player was shot twice in the stomach and once in the hand early Wednesday.

### Sports Highlights

#### Whirlwind Gilchrist Sweeps Through West Indies

PERTH, AUSTRALIA (AFP) - Western Australian acting captain Adam Gilchrist, earmarked as Australia's next number one wicketkeeper, pummeled a 98-ball century off the West Indies attack at the WACA Ground here Friday.

Gilchrist, six days short of his 25th birthday, celebrated early with a sizzling 108 not out from 101 balls as the state side declared at 293 for six after winning the toss and batting first on an excellent, even-paced pitch at the start of the three-day clash.

In the remaining 12 overs to stumps, the West Indies made 53 for one, with Robert Samuels unbeaten on 26 and Shiv Chandrapaul on 11.

Gilchrist's super-assured innings, his fifth century in first-class ranks, further boosts his claims for a place in the Australian line-up this summer, as a specialist batsman or gloveman.

He was rushed to India recently and played in two games when regular Australian wicketkeeper Ian Healy was injured during a triangular one-day international series also involving South Africa.

Gilchrist has a contract with the Australian Cricket Board and is seen as the heir-apparent for the position behind the stumps.

The left-hander, among the world's hardest strikers of the ball, reached the three-figure mark in 121 minutes and had been at the crease 123 minutes when he closed the innings.

His belligerent display included feast of three sixes and 14 fours.

In contrast to Gilchrist's effervescent strokeplay all round the wicket, opener Mark Lavender toiled for more than three hours and 132 balls to make 51, while little right-hander Damien Martyn collected 44 from 72 balls in an hour and a half.

#### Jones Calls for 'Braveheart' Spirit Against Dutch

EINDHOVEN, HOLLAND (AFP) - Soccer hardman Vinnie Jones called on his Welsh colleagues to evoke the 'Braveheart' spirit of Scottish warrior William Wallace when they go into World Cup battle against the Dutch here on Saturday.

The controversial Wimbledon midfielder, recalled to the squad for the vital World Cup qualifying match in Eindhoven, knows Holland are hot favorites to win the Group Seven return after beating Wales 3-1 in Cardiff last month.

But Jones, who hopes to win his sixth cap in place of injured skipper Barry Horne, is eager to rally his unfancied side.

"We need the same attitude as Wallace had for Scotland," claimed Jones, who was inspired by Mel Gibson's portrayal of Wallace in the film Braveheart.

Logic suggests the Dutch, strengthened by the return from injury of Dennis Bergkamp, Marc Overmars and Michael Reiziger, are unlikely to come unstuck against a Wales side weakened by the absence of injured trio Ryan Giggs, Horne and Nathan Blake, and suspended Mark Hughes.

But the eternally optimistic Jones is predictably belligerent about the prospects of creating an upset in the Philips Stadium.

"I like the odds against us, that suits me fine," he admits as he contemplates the task of trying to end Holland's 100 percent World Cup record against Wales.

Jones must wait until Saturday morning for confirmation he can re-launch his Wales career.

But Wales boss Bobby Gould's demand that "the Dutch must know they've been in a game" sounds like the perfect cue for the Wimbledon hardman.

"He (Jones) knows it's a critical game for him, if selected. And he knows he must play within the rules of the game," said Gould referring to Jones' dismissal in the European championship qualifying defeat in Georgia in June 1995.



LILLE, FRANCE: Lille player Frédéric Dindeleux (L) battles with Titi Camara (R) from Lens during their French First Division match Nov. 6 in Lille.

(AFP Photo)

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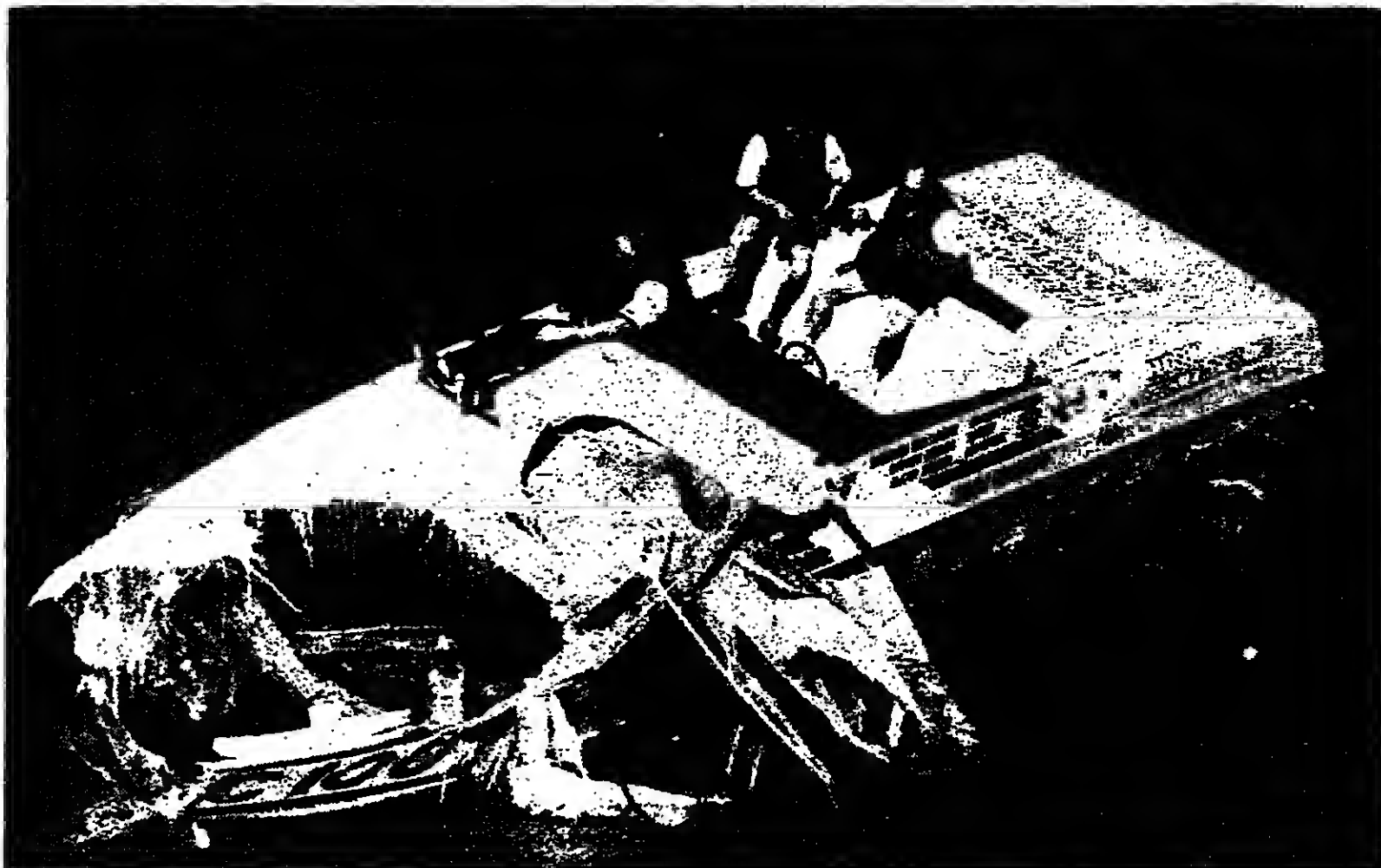
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### Sydney Moves to Limit Olympic Billboards

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA (AP) - Sydney Olympic Games officials have agreed on a draft policy to prevent Sydney's skyline from being plagued by a plethora of advertising billboards during the 2000 Games. The guidelines have been agreed to by the Sydney City Council and the Sydney Organizing Committee for the Olympic Games (SOCOG) in a bid to avoid the over-commercialization that drew widespread criticism during this year's Olympics in Atlanta. The draft policy says all signs must be temporary and be taken down by December 20, 2000, and proposes standards be imposed on graphic design, theme and quality. SOCOG said in a press statement.

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KEY WEST, FLORIDA, U.S.A.: Stephen Desjardin (L) and Steven Abeles (R) of the U.S. wait in their offshore powerboat "The Heat" after an accident Nov. 6, during the first race of the Key West World Championship. The crew escaped injury when their boat hit a six-foot wave at 70 mph during the third lap of the 100-mile, C-class race and broke apart. The offshore championship, which has attracted more than 100 entries, concludes Nov. 9.

(AFP Photo)

## \$7 Million for Zola

LONDON (AFP) - Chelsea player-manager Ruud Gullit signed international forward Gianfranco Zola for \$7 million from Parma.

The 30-year-old Zola, who has agreed a three-and-a-half-year deal, will join compatriots Gianluca Vialli and Roberto di Matteo and French defender Frank Leboeuf at new-look Stamford Bridge.

Zola, the former Napoli forward whose spot-kick miss against Germany sent Italy tumbling out of Euro 96, is said to have been offered terms of around \$40,000 a week and will arrive in London next week.

As part of the agreement, Chelsea and Serie A side Parma will meet twice in friendly matches, the first on November 27 and the return in July.

The transfer was finalized by Chelsea managing director Colin Hutchinson when he flew out to Italy to talk terms with the former Cup Winners' Cup and UEFA cup winners.

Chelsea were one of four Premiership clubs, the others were Manchester United, Tottenham and Newcastle, that Parma Sporting director Riccardo Sogliano wanted to speak to when he flew in to London on Wednesday.

But Gullit, whose stature in Italy was raised to new pinnacles by his performances for AC Milan and Sampdoria, was always the favorite to secure the services of the craggy-faced, piano-playing Sardinian.

The signing is another massive coup for Gullit, who broke the

Chelsea transfer record when he paid \$7 million to bring Di Matteo from Lazio in the summer.

Zola's decision to join the series a exodus to the Premiership comes after three months in which he has fallen out with new Parma coach Carlo Ancelotti.

The 5ft 5in Schemer, who names former Napoli team-mate Diego Maradona as his footballing hero, has been forced to play in a deep-lying role behind Italian international Enrico Chiesa and Argentinian Hernan Crespo and has not hid his unhappiness.

Ancelotti admitted: "It's sad to see him go, but if he has been able to get a good deal that's good for us too. We're both happy."

The likelihood is that Zola will play alongside Vialli up front, a partnership forged only once for Italy, in a game against Cyprus in Foggia in which Roberto Baggio completed the Italian strike-force.

While Vialli's feud with Italy boss Arrigo Sacchi saw him vowing never again to play for his country while Sacchi remained coach, Zola has been a firm favorite of the national coach.

### Esteghlal Defeat Ordobassy

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TEHRAN - Esteghlal club of Tehran defeated Ordobassy of Kazakhstan 1-0 here at Azadi Stadium on Friday in the third round match of the Asian Cup Winner's Cup.

A 40,000 strong crowd saw Esteghlal's striker Sirous Nemati Nejad scored the only goal of the match in the opening minutes of the second half.

The two teams will play their second leg match at Azadi Stadium on Thursday Nov. 12.

### Holyfield Eager to Put Tyson to the Test



LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (AFP) - Mike Tyson and Evander Holyfield agree on one thing: Their World Boxing Association heavyweight title fight here on Saturday will end early.

"I think I'm going to knock him out," said Tyson, who has disposed of four opponents in less than eight rounds total since he was released from prison in March 1995, taking his record to 45-1 with 39 knock-outs.

His latest victim was American Bruce Seldon, who relinquished the WBA title to Tyson in 109 seconds on September 7 in what looked to many like a fear-induced fainting spell.

Whatever Holyfield's disadvantages against Tyson are, and at 34 the two-time former champion is definitely at a disadvantage, excess fear is not one of them.

"There's no doubt it's going to be an explosive fight from bell

one," Holyfield said. "I won't run around the ring. You can't win without hitting the guy."

He plans to go toe-to-toe with Tyson in hopes of landing the same kind of punch he used to stop James "Buster" Douglas to earn the undisputed world heavyweight title in 1990, eight months after Douglas handed Tyson the only defeat of his career.

"I think my best chance is knocking him out," said Holyfield, 32-3 with 23 knock-outs. "I think it'll be a pretty quick fight."

Holyfield, who will earn \$11 million for the fight compared to Tyson's \$30 million purse, said he is more suited to such a strategy now than he was in November of 1991, when he was first scheduled to meet Tyson.

That fight was postponed when Tyson suffered a rib injury in training.

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## German Jobless Up As Bonn Struggles to Cut Budget

BONN (Reuters) - Germany's unemployment has spilled over the four million mark, raising fresh doubts about its economic recovery just as Bonn struggles to squeeze its 1997 budget into Maastricht's tight corset.

Figures released on Thursday showed unemployment rose to a seasonally adjusted 4.04 million in October, the first time it passed that mark since German unification in 1990. That brought the overall jobless rate up to 10.6 percent.

The gloomy numbers emerged soon after Finance Minister Theo Waigel said he was still three billion marks (\$1.99 billion) short of funds for his 1997 budget and would probably have to cut the federal labor office budget by another one billion.

The defense ministry added to his problems by saying it may need up to two billion marks more than planned next year to pay old bills and finance Germany's troop presence in Bosnia.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's center-right coalition nearly collapsed this week amid disputes over how to plug the budget hole without overstepping the Maastricht requirement to keep new borrowing down to three percent of gross domestic product (GDP).

But Waigel said he was confident that Kohl's coalition, which has since papered over some of its cracks, would find ways in the next few days of cutting spending even further.

"We in the federal government, and I assume the federal states will follow, are doing all possible to meet the deficit criterion of below three percent for 1997 in Germany," he told German Radio.

The jobless figures showed an unexpectedly strong jump of 41,000 from September. The 10.6 percent rate, up from 10.4 in September, broke down into 9.4 percent (2.89 million people) in West Germany and 15.5 percent (1.15 million) in East Germany.

Waigel said mounting joblessness meant Bonn had to pay out an extra 13 billion marks in unemployment and other benefits this year. "This cannot happen again next year - we cannot afford it," he said.

The rise in unemployment was stronger than independent economists had been expecting. The labor office said the rise could be stopped, but dampened hopes that high unemployment levels would begin to come down any time soon.

## Sri Lanka Budget Aims to Spur Economy

COLOMBO (Reuters) - The Sri Lankan government on Wednesday gave tax incentives to investors and exporters and announced plans to cut wasteful spending in an effort to revive the sluggish economy.

"The economy is poised to recover next year from depressed conditions this year," Deputy Finance Minister G.L. Peiris told parliament while presenting the state budget for calendar 1997.

"Our overall economic strategy is to control the budget deficit and exercise fiscal prudence while maintaining a high level of spending on infrastructure and welfare," he said.

The government projects gross domestic product (GDP) would grow more than 5.5 percent in calendar 1997, after growth slowed to 3.7 percent this year because of a severe drought and resultant power shortages which hurt industry, he said.

The budget deficit for 1997 will be 98 billion rupees (\$1.7 billion), compared to the revised estimate of 97.6 billion rupees this year, Peiris said.

Average annual inflation for 1996 was expected to be 15 percent, compared with last year's 7.7 percent, because of higher defense spending and increased commodity prices, he said.

The budget has set spending at 283.3 billion rupees (\$5 billion), against revenue of 185.7 billion rupees.

Peiris said the government planned to rationalize spending by reducing selected recurrent expenditures by 20 percent and retire public debt using proceeds of privatized state enterprises.

Peiris also said the government planned to spend more on modernizing the Indian Ocean island's creaking infrastructure and not rely purely on foreign direct investment.

"To realize the full potential of

investments you need proper infrastructure," Peiris said.

He said the government would offer loans at 10 percent interest for self-employed youth to provide more jobs and lower unemployment, which is officially at 13 percent.

Government officials were also promised a pay rise.

Under its export promotion drive, the government would give 100 percent exemption of duty and taxes on imports of capital and intermediate goods to exporters who export over 50 percent of their output, Peiris said.

Exporters with adequate foreign exchange exposure would be allowed to borrow overseas where funds were cheaper, he said.

To encourage speedy investment, Peiris offered investors tax relief of up to 75 percent of the cost of new plant, machinery and equipment, while those bringing in advanced technology will be given financial incentives.

Sri Lanka planned to cut corporate profit tax to 30 PCT from 35 PCT from April 1998 and remove the 0.5 percent stamp duty on share transactions to help the market to consolidate its recent recovery, Peiris said.

He also said the government planned to make all listed company dividends tax free in the hands of shareholders to encourage companies to go public.

The government would extend by another year taxes and levies to fund the war, impose a 10 percent duty on hard liquor and raise postal rates and turnover tax rates, he said.

Defense spending for 1997 was projected at 44 billion rupees, down from an estimated 50 billion rupees this year, most of which was used to buy weapons to battle Tamil Tiger rebels fighting for a separatist homeland in the island's north and east.

## Realism to Be Hallmark of World Food Summit

ROME (Reuters) - When national delegates gathered in 1974 for a world food conference, they declared confidently that hunger would be a thing of the past within a decade.

Twenty-two years on, and with 840 million of the world's 5.8 billion people hungry, that idealism will make way for realism next week when heads of state and government come together in Rome for an unprecedented world food summit.

The summit, promoted by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and its Senegalese Director-General Jacques Diouf, will, like the 1974 meeting, set the achievement of food security for all as the international community's goal.

But unlike in 1974, it will not establish a target date.

The only specific objective in a declaration and plan of action readied for adoption at the November 13 to 17 meeting will commit leaders to reducing the number of undernourished people to half their present level by no later than 2015.

"One of the major points at the outset of this process, which governments were very conscious of, was the fact that the promise of 1974 had gone unfulfilled," said Kay Killingsworth, secretary-general of next week's summit.

"It was a laudable objective and the one we all wish had been achieved but this time round it was felt that an objective was needed that could not be dismissed as an idealistic or utopian goal," Killingsworth, an American, said in an interview.

Killingsworth and other senior FAO officials say the 2015 target is both feasible and achievable, given forecast population growth and the irony that food supplies have increased substantially over the past 20 years.

It will nonetheless involve substantial political will and a concerted effort at the national and international level, given dwindling resources such as water and the encroachment of urbanization and desertification on to arable land.

Current forecasts are that, without more determined action, 680 million people, more than half of them in Africa, will still be without access to enough food to meet basic nutritional needs in the year 2010.

"We are not calling this summit because 20 years ago was a failure but rather because the progress is inadequate," Killingsworth said.

"It is still unacceptable that there should be a number of people equivalent to the entire population of North and South America who go to bed hungry every night when we have the wherewithal to ensure that they're fed."

The World Food Summit, which will be opened by Pope John Paul, is expected to assemble at least 100 heads of state and government at the FAO's Rome headquarters, chosen as the venue to express the low cost flavor of the event.

FAO, which groups 174 countries, has a budget of just \$1.27 billion for the gathering and delegations have been advised to shun holding-lavish receptions so as to send the right message.

In a first for a major conference, the texts have also been



agreed in advance, paving the way for the summit to adopt them at the outset and then map out how to make their words reality.

"To my knowledge, this is the first time in the history of the United Nations that agreement has been reached on a policy statement and plan of action in advance of a major conference," said Chile's ambassador to FAO, Pedro Alfonso Medrano Rojas.

"Usually, the negotiations are still going on when the meeting is about to end," added Medrano Rojas, who chaired the drafting talks last week that crowned six months of negotiations.

Past U.N. conferences have been dominated by bitter policy bickering, most notably a conference on population in Cairo in 1994 that pitted the Vatican and the United States' on opposite sides of the debate on contraception and family planning.

The World Food Summit declaration and its seven-point plan of action have avoided such controversy by simply noting the outcome of previous key conferences the conclusions of which have an impact on how the world goes about ensuring adequate food supplies.

"There is no need to re-do Cairo," said Killingsworth.

"Whatever the population is in 2010, 2015 or 2025 it needs to be fed."

Compromise language has also been adopted in other sensitive areas including world trade and the issue of women, whose role in

growing and providing food is crucial in many societies.

"Obviously the underlying differences are there on a number of issues but what is important about these conferences is that they do take the international community each time a step closer to common understanding," Killingsworth said.

No cash pledges will be made at the summit and its documents will not have legal force.

Killingsworth said the summit would, however, exert strong moral pressure on the world's leaders to meet their commitments by focussing public opinion on the global problem of hunger.

The plan of action, which includes mechanisms for monitoring progress towards providing food for all, sets food security as first and foremost a national responsibility and seeks to involve every level of society in the process.

That approach too, says Killingsworth, shows the evolution since 1974 in the attitude to ways of tackling the challenge.

"The reliance on only government intervention is a thing of the past," she said.

"Governments are expected to provide the enabling environment, the framework, the policies, the services. But it's important to mobilize private investment, peoples' organizations and particularly beneficiary organizations to have a say in the policies that are going to affect them."

## IMF to Decide Pakistan Loan Soon

JAKARTA (Reuters) - The International Monetary Fund was discussing a stalled standby loan with Pakistan and would make a decision in the next few days, IMF Managing Director Michel Camdessus said on Thursday.

Pakistan has been negotiating an agreement with the International Monetary Fund over the \$600 million standby loan considered crucial for shoring up the nation's finances.

"We will have to make this judgment in the next few days and then you will hear about our decision," Camdessus told reporters during a two-day conference on macroeconomic issues.

Camdessus said the IMF program with Pakistan went off track last month, well before President Farooq Leghari sacked Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto on Tuesday. Leghari accused Bhutto's government of corruption and

misrule.

Camdessus said the IMF and the Pakistani authorities were working hard to put together a program which should bring Pakistan back on course in its reforms.

"We were discussing that and finalizing a program when the president decided to dismiss Miss Bhutto," Camdessus said.

"We are indeed continuing our work. We have to assess the situation to make a judgment on the possibility during the next few months and particularly before the next election."

"You certainly understand that a few hours after this political change I cannot tell you what will be our final decision," Camdessus said.

Leghari has set general elections for February 3, but a pledge by Bhutto to fight her dismissal in court has added uncertainty to the timetable.

## Economic Digest

AMMAN - Share prices further slipped this week despite the treasury's liberalization of its foreign currency regulations.

Brokers said Thursday uncertainty over an Arab-Israeli peace settlement was the main factor for a trading lull.

A weekly market report showed that the general share prices index, based on 60 major companies, closed at 147.74 points, down 0.26 percent from last week's closing.

Turnover also dropped this week by 20 percent to 2.4 million dinars (\$3.4 million).

Stocks of 83 companies changed hands during the week, with 17 showing gains, 50 losing, and 16 remaining stable.

AMMAN - McDonald's opened its first outlet in Amman Thursday, the ninth Middle East country to host the U.S. fast food chain.

Roger H. Lexell, vice president of McDonald's International, said more branches are being considered to open in Jordan, a country of 3.8 million people.

"We feel that the majority of the people living in Amman will not only find the food being very good, but also the cost very fair and attractive," he said.

King Hussein's son, Prince Faisal, inaugurated the restaurant in a celebration in which bagpipe music was played and folk dances were performed.

McDonald's Amman, which will be run by 220 Jordanians, can serve food for up to 248 customers at one time for most of the day, Lexell said.

McDonald's has chains in eight other Middle East countries - Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Egypt, Morocco, Turkey, Bahrain and Qatar.

KUWAIT - Shares fell in the business week ending Wednesday, with the price index dropping 34.3 points or 1.75 percent to close at 1,919.9 points in a correction movement.

Hassen Abdul-Rahim, financial analyst at the National Investments Co., said the correction was expected after several weeks of record-breaking highs. HJ said there was no need for alarm because the fall was not caused by any "negative factors."

The volume of traded shares was 900.05 million, down from last week's 965.62 million. But the value of these shares rose to 287.18 million dinars (\$957.26 million), from last week's 285.48 million dinars (\$951.6 million).

Abdul-Rahim did not expect the correction to continue for long because of news of good annual results by listed companies that are likely to raise the index to 2000 points by the end of the year.

DUBAI - A group of Saudi businesses and France's Thomson-CSF have opened a joint-venture gold refinery in the Red Sea port city of Jiddah, the Arabic-language Al-Hayat daily reported Thursday.

The plant is owned by Dhabab Co. Ltd., set up under the so-called offset program which requires foreign companies with major military contracts to reinvest 30 percent of the value of their deals back into the kingdom.

Thomson-CSF retains a 49 percent stake in the plant, with the rest owned by a group of private Saudi businessmen and companies.









# IRAN NEWS

VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA (AP) - To the dismay of some of its doctors, the biggest hospital in this Pacific-oriented province is plunging into an ambitious project: integrating Western medicine with the traditional therapies of Asia.

Acupuncture for headaches, herbal remedies for cancer pain, Chinese-style massage for Parkinson's disease sufferers. These will be among treatments provided and scrutinized at the Tzu Chi Institute for Complementary and Alternative Medicine, which opened yesterday at Vancouver Hospital.

The popularity of such treatments is rising across North America, but major hospitals have been reluctant to put their prestige and resources on the line on behalf of alternative medicine.

However, in Vancouver - where nearly one-third of the population is of Asian descent - the initiative made sense to the professionals running the hospital.

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## Major Canadian Hospital Takes Plunge into Alternative Medicine

complex.

"The mainstream health care system can't hide in a hole and pretend these alternatives don't exist," said Vancouver Hospital's President, Murray Martin. "Alternative medicine is everywhere."

He said the institute will be a pioneer in two respects - offering a variety of traditional healers work space at a major western-style hospital and subjecting their work to rigorous, western-style research to verify or disprove its value.

The institute was conceived by a prominent Vancouver-based pediatrician of Chinese descent, Dr. Wah Jun Tze. His medical training is entirely western, including postgraduate work at Harvard Medical School, but he became

fascinated by traditional Chinese medicine during more than 60 trips there since 1985.

"There are 1.2 billion people with very limited resources, and yet they are able to maintain good health and good life expectancy, due in part to traditional medicine," Tze said.

"There are a lot of things we need to explore. Even though some practices are 2,000 years old, they've never been accepted by the Western world because of lack of proper scientific evaluation."

Tze says he understands why a vocal minority of Vancouver Hospital's doctors opposes the Institute.

"Complementary medicine has a bad name," Tze said. "It's

not regulated; there's no quality control. Many practitioners have no proper education, and the good ones are mixed with some snake-oil salesmen."

It wasn't just the issue of Quackery that roused opposition. Many doctors felt an institute focusing on unproven therapies was a misplaced priority in an era where funds for any new health project are tight.

But after sometimes bitter debate, a majority of the Hospital's doctors and nurses gave approval to the institute, with the understanding that it would strive to set standards for alternative therapies.

The project wouldn't have materialized without a \$4.44 million donation from the Tzu Chi Foundation, a Buddhist charity organization based in Taiwan. The endowment is expected to sustain the institute for several years while it develops other fund-raising sources.

Housed in its own two-story building at Vancouver Hospital, the Institute includes a clinic where qualified practitioners will offer alternative therapies and a research section that will coordinate worldwide studies into alternative medicine. A meditation garden is out front.

The Institute's own researchers will focus initially on pain control, cancer treatments, acupuncture, nutrition and stress reduction.

The research program will be directed by Dr. Aubrey Tingle, an assistant dean at the University of

British Columbia's Medical School.

"The real challenge is to keep a balance between advocacy and skepticism," Tingle said. "This is a different kind of research - there's a strong quality-of-life element to alternative medicine. Yet you can't say you'll relax the standards; you need a flexible research design."

China won't be the only source of treatments to study. The Institute will look into Ayurveda, a system of natural healing that originated 6,000 years ago in India, and Tze hopes to attract some Canadian aboriginal healers.

Tze said more than 80 percent of world's people use alternative medicine. A 1993 study published in the New England Journal of Medicine said 34 percent of Americans were trying it, usually without informing their regular doctors.

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## Even in Japan, Today's Cleanliness Fads Seem Surprising

TOKYO (AP) - Hisako Furuta occasionally wears a gauze mask in public to avoid, as she puts it, "inconveniencing others."

The 20-year-old receptionist isn't timid about her looks. Like many Japanese, she just wants to make sure she doesn't sneeze anywhere near her fellow workers and subway commuters.

"It looks rude to carelessly spread germs around," she said. But even people accustomed to Japan's age-old emphasis on cleanliness are surprised by the fads it is generating now.

Ever since a deadly food poisoning epidemic broke out across Japan in June, the demand for products such as sanitary saxophones and antiseptic bicycle grips has skyrocketed.

"This latest wave of products is really surprising," said Kyoko Yashiro, a well-known sociologist at Reitaku University.

For example, "laundering money" is no longer only a vice that banks dread, it's a come-on they use to win over customers.

Sanwa bank's newest automatic teller machines not only count and press the bills they dispense, they also sanitize them to ensure that nothing more than funds will be transferred to their hyper-hygienic clientele.

"It may not be crucial to public health, but our customers are definitely more comfortable using clean ATMs," said Anwa spokesman Hidehito Mori.

Tokyo Mitsubishi Bank is taking the concept even further at its "total anti-germ branch" in eastern Tokyo.

Customers line up in front of automated teller machines with surfaces made of state-of-the-art plastics indelibly saturated with chemicals that resist bacteria and fungus.

No other bank has gone that far, but most other major ones are now laminating their teller machine cards with the antibacterial plastic.

Mitsubishi spokesman Kazutaka Umegaki said such banking is especially "popular with young female customers, many of whom

say they don't want to touch things handled by middle-aged men."

The obsession with cleanliness really took off during an epidemic of the O157 strain of the E. Coli bacterium, which killed 11 people and sickened 10,000 in June and July.

Despite an exhaustive government study, no one knows what food the bacteria was in when it first struck an elementary school cafeteria in central Japan, then spread nationwide.

The government quickly toughened its sanitary standards and inspections of everything from Susbi shops and public school cafeterias to swimming pools and lavatories.

During the epidemic, experts warned about dangerous bacteria in public bathrooms. That's when the travel washlet, a refillable portable bidet the size of a paperback novel, emerged.

The bathroom hardware maker Toto Ltd. says it has sold 130,000

of the battery-powered bidets in the last year, four times what it had expected to. The items sell for \$180 apiece.

Other big sellers this summer were pencils, pens, stationery, bicycle grips, musical instruments, and karaoke microphones - all made of antiseptic plastic.

Japan has long valued cleanliness.

Most shrines of the country's indigenous religion, Shinto, require a ritual washing of the hands and mouth before anyone can enter them. And no one ever enters a home without first taking their shoes off to avoid dirtying the floors.

But the latest trends may be going a bit too far, says Ms. Yashiro, the sociologist.

"Young people today think they can banish germs from their lives with a few gimmicks," she said. "But after you use your antiseptic ATM, you still walk out the door into a world of germs."



REYKJAVIK, ICELAND: Aerial view taken Nov. 5, of the bridge and road crossing the Skeidarsandur-Sands south of the Vatnajökull glacier on Iceland being washed away by meltwater flood, which is caused by a subglacial volcanic eruption of the glacier Oct. 2. The meltwater burst down the glacier with unprecedented force today, as experts fear a long-expected flood would cause severe environmental damage.

"The volume of water, which already has destroyed roads, bridges and power lines on the island's south shore, is increasing 'at a pace never before seen' and could reach up to 40-50,000 cubic meters per second in the coming days," a volcanic expert said.

(AFP Photo)

## The Latest Modern-World Trapping to Threaten the Yanomami Indians: Shotguns

NEW YORK (AP) - The latest modern trapping to reach deep into the remote Amazon domain of the Yanomami Indians is posing a new threat to the last stone age tribe in the Americas: the shotgun.

Firearms, once used only by invaders of the Yanomami's vast jungle reservation in Brazil and Venezuela, are proliferating in villages at such a rate that observers say the tribe runs the risk of "self-geocide."

Gold miners, jungle traders - even religious missionaries - are introducing shotguns into primitive villages through barter and trade, said Chief Davi Copenawa, a spokesman for the tribe.

"The white man gives the Yanomami guns so that they fight amongst themselves, to kill each other, to kill their brother," he said in an interview. "They are not our friends. They want us to disappear."

Copenawa, who received a U.N. Global 500 award for his efforts to protect the rain forest,

described his tribe's plight during the Seventh Annual Amazon Week in lower Manhattan.

Representatives of corporations, non-profit groups and the Brazilian government are discussing ways to tap the riches of the 2-million-square-mile (5-million-square-km) rain forest without destroying it.

But Copenawa's account of spreading gun-related violence in the tribe's villages was a jarring reminder of how contact with "civilization" has worsened life for the 23,000 Yanomami.

He said guns began appearing in villages after Brazil's government withdrew funding to keep gold prospectors from invading the Yanomami's 25-million-acre (10-million-hectare) reservation, which is off-limits to outsiders.

In March, the Finance Ministry suspended a \$5.7 million allocation for police and other agencies to expel the prospectors, saying it needed to reorganize the program.

"We're talking about the intro-

duction of guns to a culture that by the 1960s had not yet invented the wheel," said Claudia Andujar, head of the pro-Yanomami commission, a private group based in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

"Imagine how dangerous the sudden addition of guns and gunpowder can be to a tribe that prides itself on its ability to fight with poison arrows, stones and clubs."

For millennia the Yanomami lived strong and free in a stone age style of preliterate people, escaping religious conversion, epidemics and forced assimilation deep within the trackless rain forest.

Combative, violent and chauvinistic, Yanomami raided each other's villages and fended off such raids as a means of establishing their self esteem, honor and dignity, as well as to provide for the needs of communities.

Things began to change when anthropologists and missionaries "discovered" the Yanomami three decades ago.

Missionaries encouraged them

to leave the wooded interior and live near waterways by offering 20th century trappings, starting with fishing hooks, mirrors and matches, and moved on to radios, shoes and machetes.

But firearms had never been introduced to the 250 Yanomami small villages scattered about the pristine, hilly rain forest between Venezuela and Brazil.

Until now.

The Associated Press obtained a copy of an internal report by Brazil's National Indian Foundation during the conference which confirmed that miners were supplying the Yanomami with shotguns.

The May 14 report said miners offer the weapons to the Indians in return for relations with their women and food. It said at least 13 shotguns had been counted at some "malocas" - round, communal wood and straw huts where as many as 50 Yanomami live.

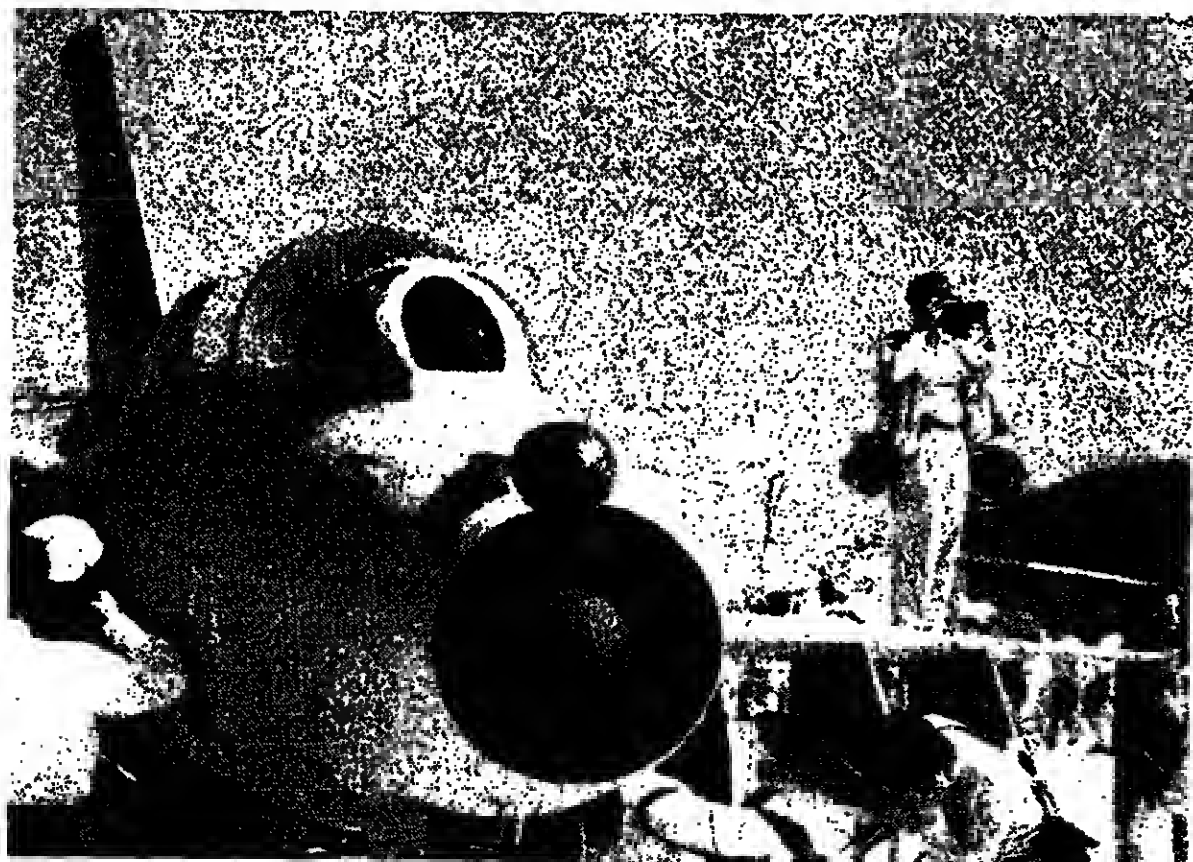
In one incident, the chief of the Makabey-there village lost the use

of his arm from an accidental shotgun blast. At the Surucucu village, three Yanomamis died in shooting incidents in one week in May, it said.

"The miners are investing in handing out weapons among the Yanomami so that the Indians will kill each other in conflicts," the report noted. "They are inciting tribal conflict."

Davi Yanomami said miners and traders illegally enter the Yanomami Reservation and use guns as payment for "piacaba" - a reedy material used to make brooms - at the villages of Parafor and Cachoeira da Alianca, in Brazil's jungle state of Amazonas.

"The miner says, 'here's a gun. Now go shoot it at your brother,'" Davi said in broken Portuguese. "And the Yanomami takes the weapon. He does not know sometimes what it does. And bam! He kills the other right there."



ZHUHAI, CHINA: A photographer takes pictures at an air show in Zhuhai Nov. 5. The Zhuhai international air show runs Nov. 5 to 10 and features displays from foreign and Chinese aviation and aerospace manufacturers.

(AFP Photo)

## Singapore Grapples with Fast-Graying Population

SINGAPORE (AFP) - Order a hamburger, fill up your gas tank or hail a cab, and chances are you'll be dealing with an elderly Singaporean.

More and more senior citizens are being mobilized back from retirement to fill a chronic labour shortage in this wealthy city-state, where 10 percent of the three million people are now aged 60 years and above.

Studies show that this could rise to over a quarter of the population by 2030 as longer life-spans and smaller families accelerate the graying of Singapore, triggering concern over the island's long-term prosperity.

If demographic trends continue, spending on health care, much of it for elderly people, could more than double to seven percent of Singapore's total economic output by 2030.

By then, there could be only two people of working age for each elderly person, from 7.5 to one in

1990. This would impose an enormous burden on a country whose chief resource is its workforce, and whose maturing economy is settling down to more moderate growth rates compared to the heady double-digit expansion of the past.

"If we do not plan ahead now, supporting the aged could pose a strain on individual and national finances," the National Trades Union Congress (NTUC) warned in a recent paper.

Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong said last month that savings rates have been falling, posing problems for future lifestyles of Singaporeans, who now have a per-capita income of more than 24,000 U.S. dollars, Asia's second highest after Japan.

He said the state pension system may not be enough to guarantee a comfortable retirement, and called for greater personal savings.

"I am concerned that if we do

not live well within our means when working, we may not have enough savings to live modestly in our long years of retirement," he said.

"Imagine, if we retire at 60 and live to 80, how are we going to support ourselves for 20 years without an income from work?" he added.

Average life expectancy in Singapore now stands at more than 76 years, compared to 72 years in 1980.

According to a study by the National University of Singapore and the government's Institute of Policy Studies, Singapore may now have the fastest-aging population in Asia, surpassing even Japan's.

To keep the elderly productive and address future financial requirements, the government is planning to raise the minimum retirement age from 60 years now to 67 years in stages, depending on economic conditions.

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# Birth Anniversary of the Poet-Philosopher Allamah Muhammad Iqbal The Spirit of Iqbal's Philosophy

By Professor Farhatullah Babar

Through history philosophers and historians alike have been confronted with one recurring question: namely, whether vast changes in history and societies are brought about by the operation of blind social and historical forces alone or by the will and genius of great men. Casual observers tend to conclude that great changes are produced somehow by an explicable yet inevitable combination of the two.

Iqbal, the poet-philosopher, and visualizer of the Islamic state of Pakistan, stands out as a champion of the importance of individual who through the force of individuality, can bring about vast changes in society.

## Quality and Worth of the Individual

Indeed, one of the most remarkable aspects of Iqbal's philosophy is the stress he lays upon the quality and worth of an individual. In his "Reconstruction of Religious Thought in Islam", he asserts time and again that the destiny of a people lies not in an over-organized but on the worth and power of individuals. For, after all, a society is nothing but a group of individuals. Iqbal believed in building up the strong-will and self-centered individuals can counter the forces of decay in a society. Iqbal, thus, lifts the individual to a high pedestal in the overall scheme of things and assigns him a unique position in society.

Iqbal then goes further and identifies such an individual who serves as a bulwark against forces which push the society into decay. In his language Iqbal calls him "Mard-e-Momin". Such an individual is indeed unique and possesses a variety of virtues. He is a person who is so abundant and vital in life that his sympathies and activities overflow the margin of his own personal life. At every

step he reveals the true depths of life. Indeed, he is the very life and soul of society. In the life of such a person, thought an action, instinct and reason of which he never loses sight. Such a person, in the words of Iqbal, is a man of small hopes, great aspirations, ravishing manners and enchanting grace.

Such an individual is fully armed with "Iman" (Faith), courage and conviction. His basic character is not "desire" but "will" — a determination to struggle. It is not in urge but in resolution that he finds satisfaction. He knows that all desires can be achieved and are achieved by attaining the state of "desirelessness". The life of such a man is full because his will is above his desires.

## The Essence of Freedom

Identifying the qualities, Iqbal continues that such individuals are optimists and have tremendous trust in struggle. He sees the hope of tomorrow in the agony of today. His strengths are great. And because his strengths are great, he can afford to inject his weaknesses with candor and approach them with hope. For him the essence of freedom lies in the fact that he shares in the shaping of his own destiny. He always aims at becoming part of a cause larger than himself, for he knows that without this, he will never be truly perfect.

Iqbal also tells us how to acquire and develop these qualities. Here he departs from the Western philosophy and asserts that in order to acquire these qualities one must seek guidance from the Holy Quran. He maintains that these qualities are attainable by covering oneself with the shield of "Faqr" (austerity) and arming himself with the word of "Ishq" (love).

"Faqr" is a quality which implies the preservation of an attitude of detachment to worldly possessions.

"Ishq" is that quality of the soul which harmonizes and concentrates all powers of the body and mind leading to a complete identification of the self with God's purpose. It is an active force which links up man with his creator. Such an individual:

helps in establishing a direct communion between an individual and his Creator. Iqbal did not believe in a person establishing contact with Allah through the help of intermediaries. Such intermediaries would only negate the individual self of man.



"...subordinates everything to God,  
His seeing and not seeing, his eating  
and drinking and sleeping.  
In all thy actions let thy aim be to  
draw nearer to God,  
That His glory may be made manifest by thee.  
Peace becomes an evil if its object  
is sought else.  
War is good if its object is God".

In its ultimate form "Ishq" links man with God and thus

By demanding this condition for the perfection of the soul, Iqbal helps man rise before God. Earlier, we noted that Iqbal raises man in a society. Now he raises him before God. This indeed is the moving spirit and driving force behind Iqbal's philosophy.

## Iqbal and Science

There is yet another remarkable feature in Iqbal's philosophical thought. He belied the apparent contradiction between science and religion and encouraged Muslims to learn science and its development in various

branches.

Iqbal recognized that science means search for unity. This, in fact, is science's ideal. It unites innumerable phenomena under one law and then it unites many laws under one higher idea, always seeking the ultimate, complete integration and unity. A true scientist also believes that it is the same intuitive force which drives electrons and protons in an atom. Iqbal has rendered a tremendous service to the cause of science by maintaining that its ultimate advance will reveal unity in the understanding of physical universe much the same way as propounded by religion.

But Iqbal goes further and cautions the scientist that he will never be able to discover this unity of physical universe until he reaches in practice the unity of physical universe until he reaches in practice the unity of his own self. When he has learnt to harmonize in himself all his physical and mental power, his desires, faculties and needs, and brings them into perfect cooperation, then nature around him will reflect this order and range itself in clear and intelligible harmony about him.

By showing us the path to this inner unity of the soul and the mind, Iqbal has, indeed, helped the scientists in discovering the ultimate unity. Iqbal in this sense, is the greatest scientist who has ever worked on the theory of unification of forces. This, indeed, was the theory on which Professor Abdus Salam of Pakistan worked and was ultimately awarded Nobel prize a few years ago.

In the final analysis, if religion symbolizes nothing but truth, is that evolution not natural? And if this is true, what is the corresponding philosophic evolution of the scientific progress?

These are the questions which are pregnant with serious speculations and deserve to be pondered over.

## Iran to Rebuild Rudaki's Tomb in Tajikistan

IRAN NEWS ART DESK

The tomb of the father of Persian poetry, Abu Ja'far Rudaki, in the city of Panj-Kont in Tajikistan, is to be rebuilt by the Iranian government, an IRNA report from Dushanbe said.

The announcement was made on Tuesday night by the Iranian Ambassador to Tajikistan Ali Ashraf Mojtahed-Shabestari in his meeting with the mayor of Panj-Kont, Assamuddin Salabeddinov.

Rudaki, who died in 940 A.D., lived at the court of the Samanid kings who ruled Transoxiana and Khorassan from their capital in Bukhara (currently in Uzbekistan).

The poet, among whose works was a Persian rendering of the famous Arabic classic 'Kalelah wa Demeleh', is buried in the village of Panj-Roud, 300 kms north of Dushanbe.

Most of Rudaki's poetry has been lost, and what is known today as 'Divan-e Rudaki' is only a fragment of the lyrics sung by the poet.

The local official welcomed the Iranian proposal to have the poet's mausoleum restored by the Iranian architects.

Shabestari added that the city officials also welcomed a joint project with Iran to build a school.

The Iranian ambassador and the Tajik mayor also agreed on a program of dispatching Tajik religious teachers to Iran for higher studies and getting acquainted with the latest research in the Islamic sciences.

The two also studied exchange of cultural and sport delegations and building a joint cultural center in Panj-Kont city.

## Islamic and Byzantine Art Exhibit in Athens

IRAN NEWS ART DESK

A young Greek lady was inspired by the Holy Quran to paint Islamic calligraphy.

"I became interested in Islamic paintings after reading the Quran in Greek two years ago," painter Evangelia Spyropoulos, 27, told IRNA.

An exhibition of her paintings on Islamic and Byzantine religious art was inaugurated at the Iranian Cultural Center in Athens Thursday night. It is her second exhibition.

The 22 paintings on display include paintings of monks from monasteries of Mount Athos in northern Greece.

The Islamic collections are calligraphic art copied from the opening chapters of the Holy Quran.

Spyropoulos said that during a visit to a bookshop, she saw some hooks on Islamic and Iranian paintings and calligraphy and made up her mind to try her hand at Islamic art.

"The Byzantine and Islamic art are two great pillars of art," she said. The Greek painter also began learning Arabic to help her in the calligraphic paintings.

She is planning to hold an exhibition abroad.

The exhibition will run through November 21.

## Exhibition of Iranian Painter in Ankara

IRAN NEWS ART DESK

The works of Iranian painter, Hakime Karami, has been put on show at a three-day exhibition, set up by the Culture and Islamic Guidance Ministry at the Persian Language Training Center in Ankara. The works include miniature paintings and illustrations.

Talking to IRNA, Ms. Karami said she was displaying her works with the objective of introducing Iranian women's arts, their position in the Iran and their activities in various areas especially in the domain of arts.

## Iranian Cultural Exhibit in Damascus

IRAN NEWS ART DESK

A cultural exhibition devoted to women's role in the Islamic societies opened at Iran's Cultural House in Damascus on Thursday in the presence of the visiting Iranian Presidential Advisor for Women's Affairs Shahla Habibi and a number of prominent Syrian female personalities.

Over 50 calligraphic works and paintings by Iranian female painter Leyla Aqamini have been put on display at the fair.

## 'Gabbie' at London Film Festival

IRAN NEWS ART DESK

Mohsen Makhmalbaf's 'Gabbie' is to be screened at the London Film Festival on Sunday before going on general release in the U.K. later this month.

According to an IRNA report, the film, distributed by the Institute of Contemporary Arts (ICA), gives a visual glimpse of tribal life in southeastern Iran.

Makhmalbaf had been invited to the screening of his picture, but the Iranian director was said to be unable to attend because of indisposition. The distributors still hope to have a phone or fax interview.



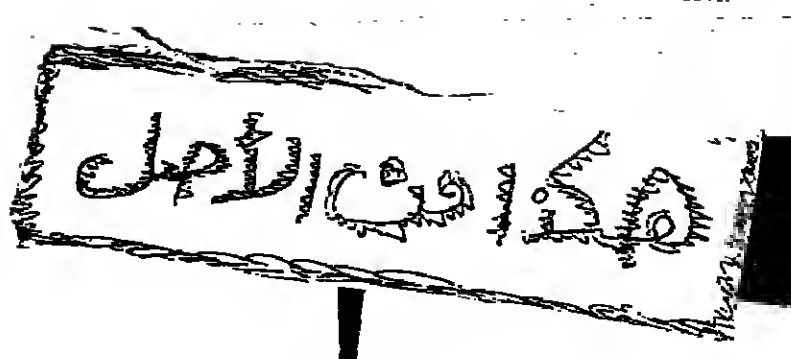
'Gabbie' is due to go on release by ICA in London on November 22 and it is expected to run for at least a month before being shown at other selected cinema's around the country.

Gabbie is a special kind of Persian rug which the Qashqaei tribeswomen weave with no prepared designs. Their inspiration for the designs they use in Gabbie is the natural spectacles which they view during their annual migration.

In August ICA showed the first two films of a trilogy by veteran Iranian director, Abbas Kiarostami, the award-winning 'Where Is the Friend's Home?' from 1987 and its sequel, 'And Life Goes on' made in 1992.

The third film of the trilogy, 'Under the Olive Trees,' which was shown at Cannes in 1994 and is due to go on general release in the U.K. in December.

The series of film screenings came after the success of the Ja'far Panahi's award-winning 'The White Ballroom' which ran in London for three months at the beginning of the year and represented Iran's first commercial breakthrough in Britain.





## With U.S. Election Over, Foreign Issues Off Back Burner



CLINTON

WASHINGTON, U.S.A. (AP) - No longer prisoner of re-election politics, President Clinton faces a series of foreign policy decisions that have been put off partly due to electoral pressures.

Analysts will be watching to see whether the newly liberated Clinton will be more accommodating to allied wishes on issues ranging from Cuba to the election of a new U.N. secretary general.

Palestinians and others wonder whether Clinton, his concerns about the votes of American Jews behind him, will pressure Israel to get the Middle East peace process back on track.

Clinton proved to be an elusive target for Republican candidate Bob Dole, keeping foreign policy issues out of the campaign by deferring decisions on some and by embracing the Republican Party line on others.

Clinton's campaign caution was demonstrated by his decision to make no new promises on foreign policy with one non-controversial exception - setting a 1999 goal for expansion of the North

Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). That was after Dole set a 1998 goal and, unlike Clinton, proposed the first inductees: Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic.

Among the most urgent questions Clinton will face over the short term is what to do about the U.S. troops serving with the NATO-led force in Bosnia.

With the potential for violence in Bosnia still high, the Dec. 19 withdrawal deadline is seen as increasingly unrealistic. The pressure on Clinton to have U.S. troops take part in a follow-on force is expected to be high.

Pressure for post-election flexibility on another issue was voiced Thursday by a senator from Clinton's own party, Paul Simon of Illinois. He urged Clinton to drop his opposition to the re-election of U.N. Secretary General Boutros-Ghali, calling the administration's campaign against the Egyptian diplomat an "embarrassment."

U.S. officials said, however, they expect the administration to stick with its threat to veto Bou-

trous-Ghali's re-election bid if necessary despite opposition of allies and others.

On Cuba, Clinton jettisoned his long-standing opposition to tightened sanctions against the island last March after Cuban MiGs shot down two unarmed planes flown by exile pilots. His policy reversal has been a sore point among allies in Europe in this hemisphere.

Springing himself pre-election controversy, Clinton delayed a decision on enforcing a key provision of the Helms-Burton legislation until January, when he no longer need worry as much about placating anti-Castro exiles.

But Clinton's flexibility on Cuba is limited because he is duty-bound to uphold Helms-Burton's stringent provisions, including the



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denial of visas to officers of foreign firms which make certain investments in Cuba.

U.S. officials, meanwhile, cautioned against speculation about a second-term U-turn on Cuba or any other foreign policy issue, pointing out that policy shifts usually involve changes in emphasis rather than substance.

## Two Political Titans Square Off in Pakistan



LEGARI

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN (Reuters) - Pakistan's political crisis has laid bare a vicious struggle between two former comrades who now embody the nation's divisions.

Overst Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto and President Farooq Leghari were once Cabinet colleagues from the Pakistan People's Party (PPP).

Bhutto hand-picked Leghari, considered her "number two", for the presidency in 1993.

But Leghari summarily sacked Bhutto on Tuesday, issuing a long list of accusations against her three-year government ranging from custodial killings to runaway corruption.

Bhutto, kept virtually incommunicado for 36 hours while confined by police to her official residence, immediately lashed into Leghari once she was allowed to meet the press.

"Lies, lies, lies," she said of Leghari's allegations.

The chasm between the two political leaders had been steadily widening over the past few months as personality and policy differences multiplied, analysts said.

Bhutto's critics say she snubbed the judiciary, turned a blind eye to corruption and all but ignored letters from Leghari urging her to set things right.

The president, they say, was specially upset at Bhutto's insinuation that he was involved in a conspiracy to kill her estranged brother Murtaza, who was gunned down in Karachi in September.

Leghari cited the insinuation in his order sacking Bhutto, saying her remarks had undermined the presidency.

Counter-punching, the president said Murtaza's widow had accused Bhutto's husband Asif Ali Zardari of involvement in a conspiracy which led to Murtaza's murder.

Once unmuzzled, an unrepentant Bhutto unleashed a torrent of



BHUTTO

criticism at Leghari, mixing scorn and anger in equal measure.

She described the president's charges as "malicious, baseless

and fabricated" and called on him to resign if he wanted to prove he had not acted out of a lust for power.

"Ultimately he took this step because he wanted power," Bhutto told Reuters television late on Thursday.

"He'd been number two for 20 years and he didn't want to be number two any more. He saw his chance of becoming number one," she said. "He's a good number two. But he never had any vision."

Bhutto accused Leghari of kidnapping her husband, who was detained without charge on Tuesday in Lahore and later transferred to the resthouse near Islamabad.

A court in the provincial capital Lahore on Thursday adjourned until November 14 proceedings over a legal petition challenging Zardari's detention.

## People's Movement for Boycott of Israel Formed in Egypt

ATHENS (IRNA) - A large number of Egyptian politicians, intellectuals, scholars, journalists and trade unionists have formed a 'People's Movement' to confront Zionism and boycott Israel.

The foundation of the movement was laid in a meeting at the Egyptian Press Syndicate in Cairo last Saturday (Nov. 2), Egyptian newspapers reported.

Welcoming the big gathering, the assistant treasurer of the press syndicate, Salah Abdul Maqoud, said the movement embodies and translates into practice the Egyptian people's boycott of all kinds of normalization with the Zionist entity, Cairo Islamic biweekly paper Al-Shaab reported.

The general coordinator of the movement, Ameen Iskander, noted that the movement was taking birth on the day of the infamous Balfour declaration which promised the Jews a "national homeland" in Muslim Palestine.

Iskander said the movement was born following debates and discussions among leading Egyptian intellectuals and politicians on ways to counter Israel.

Adil Hussein, general secretary of the opposition Labor Party, said agreements with Israel will not lead to any results, and condemned the holding of the Economic Conference in Cairo next week as a "insult to Egyptians, Arabs and Muslims."

Rajab Helal Hamida, MP and secretary-general of the opposition Al-Ahram Party, said the People's Movement, which does not

differentiate between Muslim and Christian, nor between leftist and rightist, is the only hope to confront Israel.

Saduddeen Wahbe, president of the Arab Artists' Association, said it was impossible to have any cultural normalization with Israel.

The meeting concluded by issuing an appeal to the Egyptian and Arab peoples to gear up their forces for confrontation against American and Zionist plots. Cairo daily Al-Ahram in its weekly Monday Edition reported.

## Opportunity for Clinton to Improve World Image

LONDON, UK (IRNA) - Bill Clinton's second term hold the opportunity for the U.S. president to shape a more balanced foreign policy to take the world's remaining superpower into the 21st century.

Questions remain over his ability after being involved in endless confrontations not only with China over human rights and Japan over trade but with dangerous splits with his allies over Bosnia and unnecessary rows with Europe over sanctions threats.

But according to the Financial

Times Thursday, Clinton, stymied on the home front by domestic opposition, has every incentive to turn his attention to the wider world and translate his task into leadership.

His advice for him was to appoint a new foreign policy team with political clout. In this respect, it suggested chairman of Northern Ireland peace talks, George Mitchell, would make a good secretary of state.

As important, it said that the president needed to show he un-

derstands international problems are best settled by multilateral rather than unilateral action and that without U.S. leadership, action is severely undermined.

Clinton is widely seen here facing a barrage of world problems, from the Middle East to China, from Bosnia to relations with allies, for working with Russia to NATO and the U.N.'s identity crises.

Diplomatic editor of the Guardian, Ian Black, also said Thursday there were expectations of an active global role awaiting the re-elected president that included pursuing a more balanced diplomacy in the Middle East and peacemaking in Ireland.

But he warned that his wings would be clipped by funding cuts in U.S. diplomacy over the past few years and by the fact Republicans still control Congress.

With regard to the Middle East, the independent believed that his hands should now be freer to put the so-called peace process back on course, but did not suggest bow.

But it thought the biggest problem could be China as it emerging as the superpower of the 21st century and that Clinton would need to prevent a dangerous confrontation arising.

## EU Bids to End Cuba Row with U.S.

LONDON, UK (IRNA) - European Trade Commissioner Sir Leon Brittan was launching a new initiative in New York Thursday to persuade the U.S. to repeal or, at least, amend its controversial extra-territorial sanctions against Cuba.

He was due to tell the European-American Chamber of Commerce that the EU remained firmly opposed to the Helms-Burton Act and that U.S. and the EU should begin searching together for common ground to bring Cuba into the International Community.

The British commissioner was also expected to seek support for his approach in talks with U.S. trade officials and business leaders at a conference in Chicago yesterday and today.

The initiative is aimed at mending the trans-Atlantic rift,

which also includes disputes over similar sanctions against Iran and Libya, and lay the basis of better times with the U.S. following President Clinton's re-election this week.

The Financial Times reported Thursday that Sir Leon was arguing that differences over sanctions had driven a wedge between the trans-Atlantic partners and created "misunderstandings" which had prevented them from cooperating productively.

The EU challenge was to one country's presumed right to impose its foreign policy on others by using sanctions threats and was "merely attacking a precedent which the U.S. itself would oppose in many other circumstances," he was due to explain.

His insistence was that Europe's policy of "constructive engagement" was genuinely in-

tended to achieve reforms by encouraging Cuba to behave as a responsible member of the international community.

EU officials were said to be hopeful that the initiative with help to provide Clinton with the political ammunition needed to persuade Congress to change the anti-Cuba act, which he had already partly waived for six months in July.

There was no mention of any moves on more recently imposed sanctions against Iran, but reports have been of growing calls within the U.S. for Clinton to review his so-called "dual isolation policy."

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## Hapless North Relying on Repeat of History

NUREMBURG, GERMANY (AFP) - Northern Ireland manager Bryan Hamilton admits that it will be a major surprise if his side beat the mighty Germans and return to Belfast with their World Cup qualifying campaign back on track.

But he will have history on his side when they go into Saturday's group nine clash with the European champions with just a single point to their name after a 1-0 home defeat by the Ukraine and a 1-1 home draw with Armenia.

Hamilton said: "One point from two home games was not what we were looking for and it has put the pressure on us to get something against Germany."

"But they are an outstanding side with plenty of experience while we are a young side getting better slowly. It's going to be difficult, but we are confident."

The North can take heart from their remarkable record against one of the superpowers of world football.

They have won two and drawn two of four encounters against the old west and united Germany teams since a 5-0 drubbing in Cologne in 1977.

And home and away victories in the qualifying campaign for the 1984 European championship finals helped to scupper German hopes of retaining the title they won four years earlier.

They are the only country to have inflicted a double defeat on the Germans in qualifying, but Hamilton warned: "We can't go out there thinking about records."

"I do think it will perhaps be playing on Germany's mind though, but they will be looking to redress the situation."

"I must admit that I was very pleased with the draw we got against them in the run up to the European championships last summer because it showed we can compete with teams of their stature."

"But it will need something like that again because they showed in Euro 96 just what a quality side they are."

"What shone through in Euro 96 was that they are prepared to grit their teeth and battle if things aren't going well, and we've got to make sure we match that determination."

Hamilton's cause could be aided by the fact Germany will be missing several of their Euro 96 heroes as libero Matthias Sammer, defender Thomas Helmer and midfielders Mario Basler, Dieter Eilts and Christian Ziege have all been ruled out through injury.

Coach Bertie Vogts said: "We are going to have to take the game to Northern Ireland who have a physical game."

Borussia Dortmund's Stefan Reuter is expected to take over the libero role with Bayern Munich's Thomas Strunz operating as a wing-back on the right-hand side.



LPS - Britain's outstanding cyclist of the 1990s, Chris Boardman, is almost a blur as he smashes the 4,000 meters pursuit world record.

## Eales Spots Menacing Scottish Trio

EDINBURGH (AFP) - Australia captain John Eales identifies three Scottish backs who need to be controlled if the Wallabies are to stroll to their expected victory in the test match at Murrayfield on Saturday.

Eales, who is a unique player in the modern era as a goal-kicking lock, said: "Gregor Townsend can be dynamite wherever he plays in midfield for Scotland."

"And we know that their half-backs, Craig Chalmers and Gary Armstrong, have the experience and skill to influence and win a tight test match."

"This Australian side is in the transitional stage, but we have some wonderful backs, even though the selection decision was taken to leave out David Campese."

"Tim Horan and Joe Woff are brilliant finishers, while Pat Howard and Danny Herbert have been around for a long time."

This will be the first test match played under Rugby Union's new substitution laws. And the one certain thing of the day is that if Campese comes on he will receive the biggest cheer of the afternoon, unless Scotland win.

Campese holds English Rugby in contempt. His disdain for the English style is matched only by the Murrayfield crowd, who also spurn Will Carling and his representatives.

Campese's dismissal of English players is warmly welcomed in Scotland and they want to see the greatest current entertainer stout around their pitch and sound off for one more time.

He first showed Scotland what visionary rugby was all about here in 1984 and has repeated his feat at Murrayfield and other British venues ever since.

Scotland played some of the most perfect rugby of last season's five nations championship but are fearing the worst.

Australia are determined to stamp the authority of Southern

Hemisphere countries on British teams after winning only one of four tests in the Three Nations Southern Tournament against New Zealand and South Africa.

Scotland are desperate to avoid a humiliating hat-trick of hammering by the trio of Southern Hemisphere nations.

They lost here against New Zealand in 1993 by 51-15. One year on South Africa beat them 34-10. Scotland conceded 12 tries and scored only one.

Even last season they drew with Western Samoa 15-15, with the South Sea Islanders unlucky not to win after scoring two tries and missing an easy kick.

Scotland frequently compete effectively in the Five Nations but, like Wales, often flop at this time of year.

This time the merits of Divisions One and Two rugby in England, after the spectacular start to

## Wasim Wields Sword for Pakistan

SHARJAH, United Arab Emirates (AFP) - Pakistani captain Wasim Akram grabbed four wickets as Sri Lanka were shot out for 206 in the Champions Trophy one-dayer here on Friday.

But Arjuna Ranatunga's world champions will be encouraged by the fact that New Zealand successfully defended the same score against them by 29 runs in Thursday's opener.

The Sri Lankan bowlers, however, face a stiff test against the powerful Pakistani batting to prevent a second successive defeat in the tournament.

The top order faltered against the accurate attack after Akram won the toss on a moist wicket and elected to field.

A holiday crowd of 18,000 were treated to a fascinating contest between Sri Lankan opener

professional rugby, will be tested in the Murrayfield Cauldron.

Eight of the Scottish team are playing week in, week out in the Courage Leagues.

Townsend, Damien Cronin, David Hilton, Eric Peters and Ian Smith are in League One, while Ronnie Eriksson, Armstrong and Daddie Weir are in the Second Division.

The Wallabies have won all the last five tests against Scotland, with their scores varying between 27 and 37 points.

Australia have had a successful tour so far in terms of results, having beaten Italy 40-18 in the test match last month and having trailed round stormy, wet Scotland with three victories over provincial sides.

But they will start to enjoy the British experience only with a flamboyant victory tomorrow along the lines of their 37-12 and 32-18 triumphs here in the 1980s.

Sanath Jayasuriya and Pakistan's dreaded pace battery led by Akram.

Jayasuriya, who lost his opening partner Romesh Kaluwitharna for 12, smashed five boundaries and a six in a run-a-ball 33 to lift Sri Lanka to 64 for one by the 11th over.

Shahid Nazir, who shared the new ball with Akram, went for 38 in a seven-over spell. Akram himself conceded 30 in his first six.

But the Pakistani captain evened scores by removing both Kaluwitharna and Jayasuriya, the latter through a brilliant one-handed catch at gully by Ijaz Ahmed.

Both Nazir and Akram lost their line during Jayasuriya's assault, bowling six wides each in the first 12 overs.

## Arsenal Suspect Scandal Mongerers Over Wenger Claims

LONDON (AFP) - Arsenal suspect a sordid plot exists for the purpose of heaping persistent shame on the club's already battered reputation after manager Arsene Wenger was provoked into publicly attacking unfounded but growing rumors about his private life.

Arsenal chairman Peter Hill-Wood, a leading merchant banker, is determined to discover why a City of London-based news service company sent an "on-screen" message to consumers indicating Wenger was about to quit after just six weeks in charge of Arsenal.

Since the Frenchman arrived from Japanese club Nagoya Grampus eight to take charge of Arsenal on September 30, rumor and speculation have been rife about his personal and private life.

Football's grapevine has been buzzing with anticipation that several national newspapers have been busy investigating former Monaco coach Wenger's personal background and that one was about to run a spectacular "Expose" story about the 47-year-old hatchelor.

A local radio station is also believed to have been bombarded by a caller claiming to possess evidence to support the alleged story.

In fact, no such story has come to light. But Arsenal's new public relations officer Clare Tomlinson had the unenviable task of telling Wenger just how far the rumors had now spread via the "Message" on the city news screen service, even though it was abruptly removed within seconds of appearing.

But Wenger immediately decided to confront news reporters and a battery of cameramen who had gathered outside Highbury before Arsenal's reserve team match against Chelsea this afternoon.

Pale-faced with anger and bewilderment, he insisted: "If anything is said about me that is not right, I will attack."

Furious Arsenal fans, including many long-standing supporters of middle-age or elderly years, hurled abuse at Wenger's inquisitors,

some of whom were physically jostled on the pavement.

Wenger said: "If someone has something to say about me they should come and say it. I don't know of any allegations and don't know why the media should want to create something that is not right."

"I am very disappointed that the media here appears to have this attitude. Arsenal is a strong club that should have respect, and I am a strong person who should also have respect."

"This just shows you do not know me very well, the fact that you have all come here today. I don't know of anyone who knows me who would say bad things about me."

"But there are three things you should know. One is that I am very happy at Arsenal, two that we are doing very well, and three that there is nothing true I need fear."

He revealed: "I have just come back from France, where I was visiting my family in Strasbourg for 24 hours and went to see a match."

"Everyone has a private life and so do I. If you want to know, I have a girlfriend in the south of France. I have lived with her for three years, but that is my business."

Later, Wenger went back into the stadium to watch the Arsenal-Chelsea reserve match from the directors' box, sitting next to his assistant, Pat Rice, and Vice-Chairman David Dein.

Bookmakers William Hill have been inundated with punters wanting to bet that Wenger was about to leave Highbury.

"When Wenger was initially appointed, we quoted odds of 5/1 that he would no longer be in charge of the club by the end of the season. There were few takers at the time," said spokesman Graham Sharpe.

"However, two weeks ago we began to hear rumors that he was on his way out as more and more punters tried to place bets, which we turned down. Otherwise, we could have been facing a 50,000 pay-out."

## Scots Must Rebound From Double Blow

GLASGOW (AFP) - Never will Scotland's notorious team spirit be required more than in Sunday's crucial World Cup clash against Sweden here at Rangers' Ibrox Stadium.

Scotland suffered a double blow to their World Cup qualifying hopes on Thursday from FIFA, the world football's governing body.

First of all, Craig Brown's side were ordered to replay the match - that never was against Estonia last month.

And the ruling means that influential skipper Gary McAllister is almost certain to be ruled out through suspension for Sunday's showdown in a further blow to brown.

Scottish Football Association Chief Executive Jim Farry has vowed to abide by the FIFA decision, which insists the re-match will take place by March 16 next year, two weeks before Estonia are due in Scotland.

If Scotland slip-up or drop crucial in Estonia, Farry admitted: "It would be added to a long line of Scottish mishaps in world foot-

ball, only this time through no fault of ours."

Brown is hoping the bad news events will give Scotland a sense of justice both in the re-match and even against Jobansson's Sweden on Sunday.

"If we had got the points then Sweden and Austria and others would have been angry," he said.

"This strengthens our resolve and there is no discomfort now about awarded points or anything. I wasn't comfortable with the thought of a 3-0 win without actually playing the game."

Brown is now desperate to concentrate on Sunday's match with McAllister all but certainly out.

Paul Lambert (Borussia Dortmund), Scot Gemmill (Nottigham Forest) and Billy McKinnlay (Blackburn) are candidates for the two midfield places left vacant by McAllister's suspension and Stuart McCall's injury.

Billy McKinnlay and Jackie McNamara of Celtic missed out on Thursday's training session at Hampden with slight knocks and are giving Brown concern.

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